#### Israeli attack kills three in S. Lebanon

TYRE, Lebanon (AFP) — Two Israeli helicopter gunships Friday attacked positions of the Hizbollah movement in South Lebanon killing three people and wounding six others, Lebanese police said. They said the Cobra helicopters fired a missile at a car in the village of Yater, which adjoints Israel's self-declared "security zone" in South Lebanon, instantly killings its three passengers. They fired another four missiles at three houses in the same village, wounding six people, two of them seriously, police said. But they would not real if the victims when civilians or police said. But they could not say if the victims were civilians or Hizbollah fighters. Thirty minutes later, rescue teams were still evacuating people from Yater which also came under automatic-gun fire from neathy hills held by the Israeli army. Israel last raided South Lebanon on Tuesday when its helicopiers carried out a series of attacks against Hizbollah strongholds in the region after three parachutists were killed and two wounded in a bomb anack.

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AMMAN (Petra) - General Joseph Hoar, head of the U.S. Central Command, arrived here Friday leading an American dethe critical for his ce legación on a several-day visit to Jordan, during which they will visit several military sites and archaeological and cultural places. He was received upon to them This contact to the action of the ac arrival by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Lieutenant-General Abdul Hafez Mirai and senior Armed Forces officials as well as U.S. Ambassador Roger Harrison and the U.S. military attache here.

#### Libya asks Israel for 200 visas

TEL AVIV (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has asked for 200 visas for Muslim pilgrims so they can visit Islamic boly sites in Jerusalem, an Israeli businessman said Friday. The Tel Aviv-based Yaacov Nimrodi also suggested the request had been granted, when reached by telephone about an Israel Radio report that he had received a letter from Colonel Qadhafi, Col. Qadhafi's contact with Mr. Nimrodi are the first published overtures to Israel from Lihya. Mr. Nimrodi said of the report: "It's true." The matter was supposed to have been kept secret "until they (the pilgrims) arrive" in about another week, he said. The pilgrims will enter Israel via another Arab country, possibly Egypt, Mr. Nimrodi added and refused to elaborate. Mr. Nimrodi said he had reported on Libya's letter to the foreign ministry. Ministry spokesman Evyatar Manor said he had no knowledge of the matter. Libya's news agency JANA reported a week ago that the government was interested in sending 200 pilgrims to Jerusalemi. It suggested this was because U.N. sanctions had rendered it difficult for them to make the annual Haj pilgrimage to Mecca in Saodi Arahia.

#### Sudan conducts first census in 10 years

KHARTOUM (R) - Census takers were deployed throughout Sudan Friday as the country conducted its first census in 10 years. The usually bustling capital Khartoum, a city of 4.5 million people. came to a near halt on Thursday, declared a public boliday for the first day of the census. People were requested to remain in their homes the cotire day Thursday to await a census taker, but some people received visits while their neighbours did not. State Radio Omdurman reported Friday that only 11,000 families in Khartoum state had actually been counted on the first day. But it said everybody in Kbartoum state would be counted within eight days. Abu Bakt Waziri, a member of the High Information Committee for the census, told Reuters that everybody would be visited by census officials over the

#### next two weeks. 15 killed in air crash

The Political Harak Weba Sani balak KABUL (AFP) Fifteen people, including two Western journalists believed were killed Friday when their belicopter crasbed in the 16 Hindu Kush Mountain range in northern Afghanistan, the head The Private Page of a foreign aid organisation said. . . . . th used f The military helicopter belonging is the second to the ex-communist Israeli mili-Selection of the selection of the select tia was on a routine flight to the Kayan Valley when it lost altitude and crashed into a mountain apparently due to engine failure, said John Lane, head of the British-run Halo Trust, which is running demining operations to Afghanistan. A Halo Trust rescue team reached the crash site late Friday and confirmed all sengers and crew here dead, Market 198 passengers and commercial Mr. Lane said.

#### New Niger leader sworn in

NIAMEY (AFP) - Niger's first president to be elected in a multiparty poll in its 30 years of independence, Mahamane Ous-The state of the s mane, was sworn in here on Friday, ending 20 years of military rule. One brief incident marred the 90-minute ceremony at a sports stadium. The 33 opposition members of the new parliament elected in February stalked off the VIP stand when Assembly Speaker Moumouni Adamou Djermakove arrived. He belongs to the new rating nine-party coalition Alliance of Democratic Forces, whose 49 deputies chose him as speaker Monday after the opposition assemblymen had left the chamber.

## Palestinians want peace talks delayed

Crisis over Dec. 17 expulsions unresolved, Palestinians say as Damascus meeting opens

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Palestinians said Friday they wanted a delay in the resumption of Middle East peace talks because a crisis over Israel's expulsion of 415 of their people had still not been solved. Palestinian leaders in Damas-

cus and Washington announced their demand as Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials and foreign ministers of Syria, Jordan, Lehanon and Egypt began a meeting in Damascus to decide whether Arabs should, attend the talks in Washington on

Yasser Abed-Rabbo, leader of one of three PLO factions directing the Palestinian negotiators, told reporters in Damascus:

"We are considering the postponement of the talks for a sbort period unol the issues which were not solved yet are solved." "We did not say we are leaving

the peace process. We are not quitting," be added. "All we are saylog is let us postpone for a short period of ome, we insist a short period of time, in order to reach a compromise." The peace talks were sus-

peoded last December after Israel expelled 415 Palestinians it accused of supporting violent Islamic groups.

Syria is likely to have a strong influence on the outcome of the meeting and the leader of its peace negodators sounded somewhat sympathetic to the Palestinian point of view.
"We bope that enough influence would be exerted by the

Americans, because they are close to the Israelis, to remove all the obstacles which are preventing so far any progress of the peace talks," Mouwafak Al Allaf told Reuters.

Mr. Abed Rabbo said the biggest outstanding problems were Israel's failure to agree an early enough target date for the return of the December expellees and its refusal to allow home a large enough number of other Palestinians expelled since 1967. He added that Israel's two-

week-old closure of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, which has caused serious hardship hy stopping 100,000 Palestinians crossing to work in Israel, had added a further obstacle.

In Washington, Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation said the Palestinlans want the opening session delayed because of the worsened conditions in the occupied territories and Israel's refusal to end expulsions without trials. "If we don't show up, Arabs

cannot show up," Dr. Ashrawi said, while reaffirming Palestinian support for the peace process that hegan in October 1991 in Madrid.

We have not been able to remove all the obstacles," she said in a press conference. We have been trying very hard to

solve outstanding issues. We have received promises... but no effecove measures have been taken. The spokeswoman said the

Palestinians asked for the delay because of a rapid deterioration in the occupied territories. "The peace process cannot be isolated from the context of the

conditions in the occupied territories," she said. "The deterioration on the ground has led to a serious undermining of the peace process.' A State Department source

said that there would be no immediate U.S. reaction. "We are not reacting to every declaration made by Palestinians

on this subject," the source said. Dr. Ashrawi also cited Israel's refusal to end expulsion of Palesonians as a reason for the delay and urged Israel to end the

Palestinians had earlier signalled their unwillingness to hold talks as long as Israel refused to re-admit the nearly 400 Palestinians stranded in Lehanon. A U.S. official, speaking on condition be not be ideotified,

said the Uoited States was urging the Palestinians to participate. Too much time has already been lost since the last round in December," he said. "It is our

firmy conviction that the needs and concerns of all the parties,

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An Orthodox Christian from the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah tries to break through an

Israeli army roadblock to reach Jerusalem for Good Friday prayers (AFP photo)

### **Israel prevents Christians** from Good Friday prayer

and Saturday.

their pledge to let pilgrims

through.
"If this has not been the case I

will be very disappointed," he

Orthodox live on the West Bank,

concentrated io and around Beth-

lehem. Ramallah and East Jeru-

The bishop said about 10,000

Green Orthodox pilgrims had come to the Holy City from ahroad for Easter, about the

The Israeli army has arrested

474 Palestinians - 43 of them

allegedly wanted activists - since

sealing off the occupied territor-

ies to halt a wave of violence at

sources said Friday.

tbe end of March, military

Troops continued search op-

erations in the Gaza Strip, impos-

ing a curfew on the Khan Yunes

refugee camp and a district of

Gaza City, the sources said.

Seventeen Palestinians were shot

and wounded on the strip Thurs-

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same oumber as last year.

More than 35,000 Green

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Soldiers tear-gassed and roughed up Christians pro-testing at roadblocks soutb and north of Jerusalem in a bid to reach the Holy City to pray on Orthodox Good Friday, correspondents said.

The army has sealed off the occupied territories since the end of March prevening Palestinians entering the Holy City for traditional Easter ceremonies as well as Friday prayers.
About 80 people gathered at

the army roadhlock outside Bethlehem carrying placards stating "Jerusalem is our capital." Soldiers dispersed them with teargas, hit several journalists, arresting one, smashing three cameras. a correspondent said.

Seventy Muslims and Christians also protested at the roadblock on the main road into the West Bank from the north of Jerusalem, where scuffles broke

Women prayed together at the roadside after being refused en-

try.
The Orthodox Church, which celebrates Easter this week, seven days later than the Catholic and Protestant churches, went to the supreme coort to try to win the right to enter Jerusalem to day.

But afer a mixup by the lawyers representing the church the court

'death march will make a ruling on Sunday, too

MARJ AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon (Agencies) - Nearly 400 Palesolate for services on Good Friday nian expellees marched to within 50 metres of Israeli army lines Bishop Timotheos of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate Friday, and ooe of the marchers was injured when a shell crasbed told AFP: "We had hoped the nearby. Israeli authorioes would respect

Expellees on

Their self-proclaimed "death march" was planned to protest the possibility that the Palesonian delegation to Arab-Israeli peace talks will accept a U.S. invitation and resume talks in Washington Tuesday.

Ao Israeli army spokesman de-oied that any shells were fired in the direction of the march. But reporters on both ends of the march said they saw Israeli gunners and allied South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiamen re-peatedly unleashing their howit-

Shortly after midday (0900 GMT), the exiles reached to within 50 metres from a tall earth mound behind which Israeli troops were barricaded at their forward-most line in South Leba-

After a lunch break, they resumed the march at 4:25 p.m. (1325 GMT). As they began, a shell crashed on a rock about 40 metres from the marchers. Sheikh Fathi Karawi, 35, 2

mosque preacher from the West Bank town of Tulkarem, was

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# A wounded Palestinian boy bolds his shoulder soldiers during clashes in the Shati refugee camp while being evacuated after being shot by Israeli Bomb kills 2 Arabs, injures

# 8 Israeli soldiers in W.Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM damentalist group Hamas deton- several knife ottacks and shots (Agencies) — Two Palesónians were killed and eight Israeli soldiers lightly wounded when a carbomh exploded Friday at an Israeli roadside cafe in the occupied West Bank.

Security sources said a Palestinian drove a pick-up truck apparently filled with cooking gas canisters hetween two nearly empty huses at the rest stop which is popular with soldiers.

It exploded shortly after, killing him, they said. One Palestinian worker at the cafe was killed and another injured, the army commander of the area told re-

Most passengers had already got off the buses, one of which was carrying civilians and the other soldiers.

A caller to an international news agency said the Qassam caller said one man carried out the attack. Clouds of smoke hillowed over the site of the 1 p.m. (1000 GMT) attack for hours afterwards. Sol-

diers blocked reporters from

reaching the site at a roadblock

ated a boohy-trapped car. The

about 100 metres away, apparently while the bodies were being taken away. But they could see the buses' windows and doors blown out, as well as a fender ripped off hy the

bomb. The injured here taken to Afula hospital.

It was the first major attack on Israelis since the army sealed off the occupied territories at the end of March in a hid to halt a wave of violence which left 15 Israelis and 25 Palestinians dead.

No Israelis have died since the military wing of the Islamic fun- closure although there have been

fired by Palestinians. "It was a car that arrived sud-

denly," said Motti Gross, operator of the cafe near the Jewish settlement of Mehola in the Jor-dan Valley, 80 kilometres north of Jerusalem. Bullets left on the soldiers' bus

crackled in the fire which followed the blast and flew through the air, witnesses said.

Car-bomb attacks on Israelis have been rare in the uprising against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin sealed the Gaza Strip 19 days ago and the West Bank 17 days ago. Hamas claimed responsibility for several of the attack which prompted the closure.

Qassam has emerged as one of Israel's bloodiest foes in the occupied territories. It killed five Israeli soldiers in December.

### to enter Srebrenica

U.N. troops

ZAGREB (AFP) - Serbian forces agreed Friday to let U.N. troops into the besieged Muslim enclave of Srebrenica Saturday morning, the U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) said as the town was reported close to fulling to Serb attackers.

The accord was reached in talks between the head of U.N. peacekeeping forces in the former Yugoslavia. General Lars-Eric Wahlgren, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and Bosnian-Serb leader Radovan Karadac.

the U.N. said in a statement. Gen. Wahleren has ordered a company of Canadian troops to the Muslim-held city of Tuzla north of Srehrenica to prepare to

head into the enclave Saturday. Gen. Wahlgren himself is to go to Sarajevo Saturday to try to arrange a meeting between M1. Karadzie and Bosnian Muslim military leaders.

The statement noted that previous U.N. efforts to deploy peacekeeping forces in Srebrenica had been rejected by the Serbs. The Muslim authorities of the

enclave had also made such a deployment a condition for their agreeing to a ceasefire around the town, it added. In Belgrade, the Tanjug news agency quoted Bosnian Serh

military sources as saving the fall of Srehrenica was "imminent" after a year-long Serbian siege (see page 8).
The White House said Friday

the U.S. would demand tougher sanctions immediately against the former Yugoslavia if Stebrenica

"All bets are off" if the town falls, said White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos. There will be a price for continued aggression. At the United Nations, the

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### Clinton lauds Jordan's efforts to democratise

President Bill Clinton praised Jordao's "commitment to the East." broadening of political participadon" in Jordan in the face of

'great difficulties.' Mr. Clinton spoke about this commitment during an April 14 ceremooy at the White House, at which Jordao's oewly appointed ambassador to the United States, Fayez A. Tarawneh, presented his credentials.

Ambassador Tarawneh pledged that Jordan's "fullfledged participation... in both the bilateral and the multilateral peace negotiations" would cononue in the search for "the noble cause of peace in the Middle

denr Clinton's remarks: Mr. Ambassador:

tween our countries.

"The United States and the

welcome you and your family formally to the United States and to Washington, and to accept your letter of credence and the letter of recall of your predecessor. I bope that your appointment will contienue the renewal of the traditionally close relations be-

share a long history of cordial and years to bring peace to the Mid-dle East; the individual and institutional ries between Americans

your government's commitment to the broadening of political participation in your country and the ongoing liberalisation of Jordanian society. Your progress has been even more noteworthy considering the great difficulties facing Jordan, and the desire of some to use the very instruments

of democratisation to gain and cooperaove relations. We have worked closely together for many cratisation is important to His Majesty King Hussein 1, and all

"We must also work together

#### **Future of CIS depends on** referendum — Kravchuk a key referendum on April 25 on

MINSK (Agencies) — The Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) could dissolve if Russian President Boris-Yeltsin loses the April 25 referendum on his reform programme, Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchok said

"If Russia continues to advance on the path of reform undertakeo by Boris Yeltsin... the CIS will condnue to exist," he said after a meetiog of the 10 CIS "If not, it will cease to exist

because the most powerful forces in Russia do not want the CIS. they want to have the Soviet Mr. Kravchuk was speaking

after the CIS leaders met behind

closed doors here Friday, with

the future of the shaky alliance said to be at the top of the Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev had said before the meeong that those who did

not want to contioue in the grouping should leave it. "It is necessary to adopt a final

decision on who is ready to integrate... and belp those who do not intend to participate in the Commonwealth to leave it withont problems," Nazarbayev said on arrival, cited by Itar-TASS. Ao Ioitial three-and-a-half bour meetiog has due to be followed by dehates within the CIS administration, which has its headquarters here in the Belarus

Mr. Yeltsin denied that there was any significance in the timing Minister Anatoly Chubais, from of the summit — nine days before responding.

Following is the text of Presi-

"It gives me great pleasure to

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

There is no deliberate link.

We were looking for an oppor-

tunity for all the presidents to

meet," he said. 'We need to talk

to each other about perfecting the

CIS. We have a common interest

in condnuing to integrate our

In Moscow, a hostile audience

of state factory directors jeered

Mr. Yeltsin on Friday, and his

vice president called for an inves-

tigation of corruption in the

The developments, which re-

ceived extensive relevision cover-

age, put Mr. Yeltsin on the de-

fensive as be campaigned for sup-port in the April 25 referendum.

Vice-President Alexander

Rutskoi, a former ally who has

become a harsh Yeltsin cride,

said the president's reforms were

impoverishing bonest Russians

and causing a surge in crime and

In a defiant speech to Russian

lawmakers, Mr. Rutskoi also

vowed not to resign, despite Yeltsin's decision Thursday to

strip much of the vice-president's

authority and privileges, includ-

ing his personal physician and Mercedes.

The Supreme Soviet legislature ordered Mr. Rutskoi's 80-minute

address to be carried live on

national television, preempting

all scheduled programmes. At the

same time, the lawmakers harred

a Yeltsin ally, Deputy Prime

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and Jordanians have enriched both sociedes. "We have been impressed by

Jordanians of good will. We want you to know that the United States supports your efforts to broaden political parocipation in Jordan. Your continued commitment to this course of action will strengthen our hilateral rela-Conship.

to advance the peace process which we began in Madrid. (Continued on page 5)

Turkish forces have ignored

the unilateral ceasefire called by

the Kurds and have continued

their operations against Kurdish

rebels killing at least 50 PKK

about 80 kilometres southwest of

Mount Ararat, the Turkish daily

### Kurdish rebels extend ceasefire with Turkey

BAR ELIAS, Lebanon (Agencies) — The head of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) Friday announced the extension of its month-long unilateral ceasefire with Turkish troops.

PKK leader Abdallah Ocalan said at a press conference here that his Kurdish separatist movement would extend the ceasefire until further notice. The ceasefire declared by the PKK last month expired Thursday. Mr. Ocalan spoke in a Syrian-

controlled area of Lebanon, where a PKK base was closed last year following talks between Syria and Turkey. At his side was Patrione Union of Kurdistan (PUK) leader Jalal Talabani, who represents Iraqi Kurdish rebels. Mr. Ocalan also called for "the

Turkish government to open a public discussion on the rights of Kurds in a federal framework." Turkish Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel responded to the request Friday by saying that

Turkey's sovereignty was not open to negotiation. The Turkish republic has been subject to aggression and its mission is to protect its people, its territory and its frontiers," Mr. Demirel said.

He added that Turkey was not willing to negotiate with any of its aggressors and that it was ready to respond to any attacks that

threatened the country.
Turkish loterior Minister Ismet Sezgin echoed Mr. Demirel's remarks adding that he did not take seriously any statements made by

Turkish helicopters and fighter jets on Thursday bombarded Kurdish rebel positions in the mountainous region of Tendurek.

Hurriyet reported Friday.

members since March 20.

"I am extending the previous ceasefire until further notice," Mr. Ocalan said. "We shall begin a new ceasefire today to give the issue of federalism a chance." He declared: "We're not trying to separate from Turkey, we want

to open the way for peace and friendship." But he stressed that the Turkish army should reciprocate, hecause "no ceasefire can possibly

hold if it's only from one side." Mr. Ocalan warned that his estimated 10,000 guerrillas would retaliate if attacked, saying "selfdefence is a sacred right."

He demanded the release of the estimated 3,000 to 4,000 PKK guerillas imprisoned in Turkey and called for a "general amnesty for our poliocal prisoners."

Mr. Ocalan urged Ankara to recognise the Kurdish identity and language as well as cultural and educational rights, including a free press and Kurdishlanguage radio and television sta-

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### 'Suspect held' in Kuwaiti atrocity case, but family of victims seeks 'real justice'

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN --- The family of two Lebanese men who were killed and a woman who was raped and shot in the head by a Kuwaiti believed to be a security officer immediately after the liberation of Kuwait in early 1991 is calling nn the United States government to ensure that "real justice" is carried nut in the case.

Naim Farhat, a Lebanese-born naturalised American citizen living in Santa Cruz. California, has written to the U.S. ambassador in Kuwait saying be had reliable informatinn in believe that a suspect detained in Kuwait was the real culprit in the case involving his father, brother and sister, but voiced fears that Kuwaiti authorities could make a charade of the entire

Mr. Farhat, whose father Ismail and brother Osama were sbot dead and sister Naimat was raped but was rescued from death after being shot in the bead on March 2, 1991, argues that the victimisation of his family members was nrdered by the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry and, as such, "real justice" could not be expected in the case without close foreign monitoring.

"I bave no faith that there is or will be any real justice as long as Kuwaiti officials are the sole investigators, prosecutors, judge and jury in our case,' Mr. Farbat wrote Ambassador Edward Gnehm.

In the letter, dated April 6 and a copy of which was available to the Jordan Timess, Mr. Farhat said that "the order to kill my family originated in the Ministry of Interior (of Kuwait), most likely hy the minister himself... (who)... has made public statements nn television... that the young Filipino women who bad been brutally abused by the Kuwaiti elite were lying about the violence against them in order to receive higher wages...'

The case surfaced last year after Mr. Farhat vowed not to rest until justice was netted out

to the culprits in the affair involving his family members, wbn remained in Kuwait throughout the seven-mouth Iraqi occupation beginning in August 1990 but were victimised after the liberation of the emirate in February 1991.

According to Naimat Farhat, who now lives with ber brother in California after undergoing brain snrgery, a Kuwaiti officer came to the family home on March 2, 1991. He brandished a gun and forced Naimat to hogtie her father and brother and then raped ber. When be was finished, be shot Naimat in the bead and then shot and killed

Naimat, left tn bleed to death, survived her injuries but part of ber body is paralysed. But she could tell the story of what happened to her on that fateful day, when the U.S. and its allies were gleefully celebrating the rout of Iraq.

After initial denials, Kuwaiti anthorities, coming under the flare of international media attention on the case sparked by a relentless campaign launched by Naim Farhat, confirmed the victim's version of the affair. But they pleaded helplessness saying the culprit could not be identified since bandreds of such incidents took place immediately after the liberation of Kuwait.

The recently annunced arrest of the suspect, according to Mr. Farhat, "was triggered by a significant jump in media

Bnt, he added in the letter to Ambassador Gnehm, "I believe that there is a high probability that, in order to protect those in the chain of command wbo are associated with the assassin, a deal will be cut with the suspect tn admit only to an isolated act unrelated in government nrders..."

Mr. Farbat is demanding

that the U.S. embassy in

Kuwait closely monitor the developments in the case. The Farhat family has representatives in Kuwait to follow up on the case in addition to a lawyer retained nuder the recommendation of the Knwaiti

The Farhats bave given the attorney a limited mandate: To file a case in Kuwait, monitor the proceedings and report direct to Naim and Naimat Farhat as well as the U.S. embassy. The lawyer is not authorised to take any decision related to the case without consulting the Farhats, and it indeed he does so then the power of attorney will be automatically revoked.
"If Knwaiti procedures

prove inadequate we are prepared to pursue our case under U.S. and international law, with the objective of obtaining full disclosure of all guilty par ties, achieving full justice and securing appropriate reparations for the crimes against us by the Kuwaiti government,' Mr. Farhat said.

Mr. Farhat bas also written to the Lebanese ambassador in Knwait requesting bim to closely follow the case.

The Farhats are demanding: -The arrest, trial and. punishment of all those responsible for "ordering" and executing the March 2, 1991, attacks on the Farhats:

-The release of all retirement compensation due to Ismail Farhat, the father, and the payment of all costs involved in treating Naimat Farhat and maintaining her for the rest of her bfe, and cash compensation consistent with international human rights

-Unrestricted and safe access to the graves of the Farhats in Kuwait and payment for the transfer of the remains to Lebanon; - A formal apology in writing

from the Kuwaiti government; - Full compliance by Kuwait with all international norms and code of conduct in human rights; and - The release of all political

prisoners in Kuwait. In a telephone interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Farhat said last week he was not seeking reparations for reparations sake but wanted to 'achieve full and real justice for all those concerned and set Kuwaitis shower Bush with gifts

The Farhat case, according

to former residents of Kuwait.

was not an isolated affair but

only one of hundreds, if not

thousands, of incidents of atro-

cities and brutal attacks carried

out by vengeful Kuwaitis in

Many victims of the rampage

of the Kuwaitis appear to bave

chosen to keep quiet about their ordeal, particularly rape

cases, mainly because of shame

But the Farhat case gained

international media attention

as a result of Naim Farhat's

strong campaign and now it

stands out as one of the most

embarrassing to the Knwaiti

The New York-based

Lawyers Committee for Hu-

man Rights seut a delegation

to Kuwait in January and re-

ported this month that "there

are many factors which militate

against respect for human

rights in Knwait." and said the

regime "has exerted influence

detrimental to the government

being held accountable for its

In its 61-page report, which

The months after bbera-

tion, during which martial law

was enforced, were marked by

severe vinlations of buman

rights perpetrated by Kuwaitis

against primarily non-Kuwaiti

"Although the government

was able to bring this wide-

spread lawlessness under con-

trol, although not until scores

had lost their lives and tens of

thousands had fled in fear, it has been unable, nr unwilling,

to identify and punish those

responsible for the numerous

documented acts of extra-

criminals are still at large in

Knwait, some of them believed

to be members of the security

forces, casts a shadow not only

over the human rights situa-

tion, but also over the pros-

pects for achieving the rule of the law."

"The knowledge that these

judicial killing and torture.

included a close review of the

Farhat case, the committee

post-crisis Kuwait.

and family honour.

KUWAIT (Agencies) — In line with Arab tradition, former President George Bush was showered with gifts as he visited Kuwait to receive the thanks of a grateful country, hailed as the emirate's liberator.

The only gifts displayed to the public on television and in newspapers have been an antique Arabian door, crystal clocks, plaques and shields.

Nnrmally, Arabs dn not announce personal gifts so details are hard to come by.

They most elaborate gifts would be from the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabab, Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al Sabah and a parade of rich merchants and members of the royal family.

The Bush visit also has cost the government a large sum --- to pay for extravagant decorations in squares and boulevards and a specially furnished Boeing 727 jetliner at the disposal of the former president, his family and friends.

There bas been no mention in the media of any expensive gifts such as gold swords, diamondsstudded daggers and the like.

But a frustrated newspaper col-umnist insisted be bad heard ab-



Former U.S. President George Bush waves as as he is on the way to attend a special session of the Kuwaiti parliament accompanied by (at left fore-

ground) Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minis ter Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah (AFR photo)

ont plans to give valuable gifts to the former U.S. president, and he complained this went beyond the requirements of tradition.

"Gifts to men bke Bush are supposed to be mere souvenirs, gifts that have to do with the nature of life in Kuwait and its history," wrote the widely read Mobammad Mossaed Al Salch in the mass-circulation Al Qabas.'

"Such symbolic gifts would please Mr. Bush and the delegation accompanying him. But what we bear about the gifts in store for Bush seem to transcend this

concept. The value accorded to these gifts rests on high price." One gift that has been displayed is the arabesque door, hordered nn two sides with the inscribed names of "American martyrs" - soldiers killed in the course of the U.S.-led Operations Desert Storm that ousted Iraqi forces from the emirate.

Other gifts were more outland-One merchant donated 96 bottles of imported perfume, asking that it be sprayed along the route

of Mr. Bush's motorcade. A

Kuwaiti bedonin offered a prize racing camel and a busine wolunteered to pay for shipping the beast ro the United States.

One touching gift came from the wife of a former prisoner of war - a key chain and a string of worry beads her husband made in captivity.
U.S. officials and members of

the Bush entourage have not discussed the gifts. Had he still been president, Mr. Bush would have been barred from accepting anything more than token presents under federal law.

#### Palestinians -– expert Closure hurts Israelis and state-owned, she added,

WASHINGTON (USIA) - The closure of the West Bank and Gaza by the Israeli government is burting both the Palestinian and Israeli economies, an expert on Israeli labour practices says.

The economic pressures brought on by the closure and loss of Palestinian workers inside Israel will soon lead to a reopening of the borders, said Amira Hass, an Israeli journalist and volunteer for Workers' Hotline, a nnn-profit Israeli organisation dedicated to the protection of workers' rights.

Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip at the end of March after a series of Palestinian attacks against Israelis, Ms. Hass reviewed the current situation during an April 14 briefing sponsored by the Centre for Policy Analysis on Palestine.

"As a whole the Israeli economy can function without the Palestinians," Ms. Hass aid, noting that Palestinians make up

only seven per cent of the Israeli work force.

However. "in the short run, Israeli employers do depend on Palestinians," Ms. Hass aid. "Many employers feel they can't do without the Palestinians," particularly in the agriculture and construction fields, she pointed

"These short-term market constraints will force Israel to ease or lift the closure," she asserted.

Ms. Hass said "many Israeli politicians realise that it is dangerous to close nff the occupied territories completely." The economy of the occupied territories is dependent on the Israeli economy, she said.

One-third of the Palestinian labour force is dependent on work opportunities in Israel," Ms. Hass said. There is also shortage of land for development. hy Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, with 40 per cent to 60 per cent of the land designated as

Israel "can't close the territories, on the one hand, and keep the economy stagnant, nn the other," she said.

"Palestinians should have a right to work in Israel as long as it is in control of the territories" and "as long as there are no joh opportunities in the territories." Ms. Hass said.

Ms. Hass said the Rabin government had closed off the West Bank and Gaza as one way nf pressuring the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks to return to the negotiating table. In doing so, the Israeli government is bolding the hasie right of Palestinians to work "hostage" to its policies, she

Ms. Hass added that the clo-

series of attacks on Israelis by Palestinians. "The panic in Israel was very authentic," she stressed. Ms. Hass said Palestinian

workers --- both registered and unregistered - are not treated; equally in Israel, even though Israeli law stipulates Palestinians "are entitled to the same rights and conditions as Israeli work-

"The problem is not about law," she said. "The problem is about application." Ms. Hass said Palestinian workers are routinely denied unemployment fees, receive lesser pensions than Israeli workers get, and often get paid below the minimum wage. -Established three and a half

years ago. Workers' Hotline has reached thousands of Palestinian workers, informing them of their sure of the occupied territories is rights under the law, arbitrating also an attempt by the Rabin -disputes with employers; and government to ease the panie advising workers during court many Israelis felt after a recent proceedings, Ms. Hass said.

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### Sudanese exiles seek to stop talks

CAIRO (R) - Exiled opponents of Sndan's Islamic government flew tn Kenya Friday to try to persnade southern rebels to boycott talks aimed at ending 10 years of civil war.

The group of Sudanese politi-cians, in Cairo since a military coup ousted Sudan's last democratie government in 1989, said the bard-pressed, autonomy-seeking rebels should not go to the peace talks scheduled for April 26 in Nigeria.

"The delegation will affirm its fixed position. There is no dialogue and no reconciliation with the Islamic front and its government," said Farouk Abu Isa, a member of the group and chair-man of an Arab lawyers, association based in Cairo. "Any dialogue or (peace)

agreement has no value or fu-

Mr. Abu Isa said the Sudanese National Democratic Forum, a coalinon of some of the parties banned by Khartonm, would meet leaders of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in

The Sudanese government faces growing international isola-tion following allegations of bu-man rights abuses and support for Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas.

CAIRO (R) archaeologist denied a report Friday that a burial chamber which might hold untold treasures had been discovered deep inside Egypt's Great Pyramid of Cheops.

Rainer Stadelmann said a team of archaeologists, using a robot, had found a long passage leading from a chamber in the centre of the pyra-

But the passage was for the soul of the dead pharaob to pass from the chamber into the skies and the afterlife, he said.

It was too small for humans even to crawl through, said Mr. Stadelmann, who is director of German Archaeological Institute in

Britain's Independent newspaper said the team had found a secret chamber which some experts believed might contain the mummy of the Pharaoh Cheops and treasures "every bit as stunning at that of Tutankhamen's." "I don't know how this story happened but I can tell you this is very annoying." Mr. Stadelmann told Renters

by telephone. Cheops is the largest of the three Great Pyramids which are the last surviving seven wonders of the ancient world.

stands about 145 metres

high. Mr. Stadelmann said the tiny video-equipped robot, designed by robotics expert Rudulf Gantenbrink, climbed up a passage 20 centimetres square from the chamber of dreams in the heart of the pyramid.

The passage was previously thought to be eight metres long but the robot climbed 60 metres along the passage before coming to a stone block-

ing the way.
The Independent said the stone covered the entrance to the secret chamber. But Mr. Stadelmann said since the passage was a "model" never designed for human use such a stone was not unusual. It did not conceal any chamber,

"There is surely no other chamber," he added. "This passage has never been used or seen by humans."

The pharaob's bnrial chamber was looted about 2,000 B.C., 700 years after his death, although his mummy survived until the Middle Ages, Mr. Stadelmann said. He said there had never

been any treasures found in the pyramids, unlike burial chambers in the Valley of the Kings at Luxor.

### 'No new pyramid chamber' U.S. envoy sees progress at Mideast peace talks

TEL AVIV (AFP) --- The U.S. ambassador to Israel said Friday be was "optimistie" that the ninth round of Middle East peace talks due to start in Washington Tuesday would lead to progress.
"I don't believe that we are

going to see any peace treaty signed in the next month, of course not," Ambassador William Harrop told Israel Radio. "But I think that we are going to begin to see progress and I

think there is every reason to be optimistic that will take place." The foreign ministers of Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Palestinian representatives were expected to announce a return to the bilateral peace negotiarings

after a four-month delay when

they meet in Damascus Friday

and Saturday. The talks broke up on Dec. 17 over Israel's expulsion of 415 Palestinians to southern Lebanon. The Palestinians have slowly pulled back first from demands that all the expellees must be brought back and then that a solution to the crisis must be found before they will resume the

peace talks. Mr. Harrop said: "The deportees will all be back by the middle of December of this year and this really will be in direct accord with United Natinns Resolution 799."

Israel agreed in February to ka 101 of the expellers come back immediately and the remainder by the end of the year under an accord with Washington. Washington pledged to balt a threat of U.N. sanctions for failing to obey Security Council Re-solution 799, which called for an immediate return, and to work to get the peace negotiations back

"We've not felt any need to press Israel beyond that point and we have not really done so," Mr. Наттор added.

Israeli Government sources say Israel is ready to make a series of "concessions" to the Palestinian Israel has agreed for example to allow the leading Palestinian from the occupied territories, Faisal Husseini, to join the offe cial Palestinian delegation.

In an interview from Washing ton, Israel's Ambassador Itamar Rahinovich told the radio that the fact that Mr. Husseini lives in Arab East Jerusalem did not imp ly the status of Jerusalem was negotiable.

"Absolutely not," he said."
His probable participation is part
of a policy to strengthen the
(Palestinian) delegation's postion, to give it some muscle, to allow the talks to concentrate of more concrete issues."

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His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Thursday holds an open dialogue with citizens of Tafileh Governorate. The Crown Prince is accompanied by Minister of Interior Jawdat

Al Shoul (left), Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Abdul Razzaq Tubeishat (second from right) and Tafileh Governor Mohammad Al Talbouni (right) (Petra photo)

## the down offered in council and a base of a former price of a form Crown Prince inspects Tafileh area

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Thursday said local executive, consultative and development bodies play a major role m addressing the problems, and needs of local councils.

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Speaking at an open dialogue meeting with citizens and Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament members in Tafileh, Prince Hassan stressed the importance of defining priorities of work and with them within a team spirit if growth and development are to be achieved.

He pointed to the consultative council, formed in Tafileh governorate, saying it can play an important role in solving prob-Jems, defining priorities and discissing needs.

The Crown Prince said the council includes the governor, members of both Houses of Parfixment and representatives of local councils.

As part of his tour in Tafileh governorate, Prince Hassan met with citizens from the village. Prince Hassan also visited the tomb of Al Hareth Ben Omair one of the companions of Brophet Mohammad) and called for its restoration.

He inspected the Princess Basma Social Services Centre in Tafileh, the supply warehouses and the Tafileh Sports and Culturai Club, and was briefed on the services offered by these centres

The Crown Prince visited Prince Zeid Ibn Al Hussein hospital, inspected its various sections and was briefed on its ser-

He also visited some patients and listened to their views on the standard of health care offered to

Patients said the hospital lacks a renal dialysis unit, an orthopaedic centre and a special section for the treatment of urinary tract ailments. The hospital has a capacity of

120 beds, but can be expanded to accommodate 212 patients.
Tafileh Governor Mohammad

Al Talhonni reviewed the achievements of the government departments in the governorate, as well as their current and future

He said 97 per cent of Tafileh governorate is electrified and

ter and telephone services.

Mr. Talhouni pointed out that the governorate's budget for 1993 includes an allocation of JD 2,456,000 for educational projects, JD 340,000 for health proects, JD 1,700,000 for public works and housing, JD 400,000 for the establishment of a vocational training centre, JD 290,000 for constructing boundary walls, in addition to other allocations.

Tafileh deputies Abdullah' Al Akaileh and Ibrahim Al Ghababsheh reviewed the needs of the governorate, calling for turning it into a centre of attraction and development for citizens.

They also called for addressing the problems of poverty and unemployment and stressed the need for maintaining the Afra baths, establishing tourist pro-jects, and solving the pollution problems resulting from the dust emanating from the Rashidieh cement factories.

Prince Hassan was accompanied on the tour by Interior Minister Jawdat Al Sboul and Minister of Municipal and Rural most residential areas receive wa- Abdul Razzaq Tubeishat.

### U.N. embargo enforcers step up search of Aqaba bound ships

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Western warships patrolling the Red Sea for contraband in possible violation of a U.N. embargo on Iraq have recently stepped up their activities the Straits of Tiran and turned back two cargo vessels with goods bound for Jordan via the Port of Agaba, according to a spokesman for Gargour Shipping Agents in

The spokesman told the Jordan Times Friday that on April 7, the embargo enforcers intercepted the Sudanese vessel Al Abiad, which was carrying 2,700 tonnes of various kinds of merchandise from Europe to Aqaba and refilsed to allow it to proceed to the

Jordanian port. The emhargo enforcers ordered the vessel to discharge its 50 containers in other ports along the Red Sea under the pretext 'that the naval officers were not able to reach and search all pack-. ages on board the vessel, said the

He said it was impractical for

every single package to be sear-Gargour Shipping Agents had

thorities at the Port of Aqaba toensure the arrival of the vessel on schedule, but efforts were unsuccersful because the naval forces persisted that the vessel should unload its cargo elsewhere.

Following a delay of four days, the vessel was forced to head for Port Sudan to unload part of its cargo before heading once again towards Aqaba, which it should reach in the coming week, pro-vided there are no further interceptions, noted the spokes-

In another incident on April 14, the Norwegian vessel Windfield, carrying paper for Jorda-

was intercepted at the Strait of Tiran and prevented from proceeding to Acaba to unload its 5,624 tonnes cargo.

He said the U.S.-led naval forces insisted that each roll of paper on board the vessel, be ship's captain found impossible to do and therefore the ship was forced to turn to Jeddah Port in Saudi Arabia where the cargo is

to be discharged. Sufian Mheissen, director of the Jordan Shipping Agents Association, said in a statement to Reuter last month that only cruise ships heading to Aqaba will not be searched, but all those carrying goods to be unloaded at Aqaba will remain under strict inspection.

He said Jordan incurs heavy loses as a result of the turning away of ships from the country's only port.

## 3,000 silent marchers commemorate Palestinian land, prisoner's days

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - At least 3,000 peo-Friday commemorating Palesti-nian Land Day, March 30, and Palestinian Prisoner's Day, April

The march, organised by the land," Ms. Basheer added. Women's Committee, part of the resistance of the Palestinian people in the face of the Israeli

occupation. One of the organisers, Haifa Al Basheer, said the march "shows joined the march to support the the solidarity of the Jordanian people with their Palestinjan brethren, insisting upon their steadfastness."

The march, according to its organisers, has its political and naterial goals.

Politically, it aims at reminding Jordanians of the situation in the occupied territories and ensuring their Palestinian brethren that they are not alone."

Wafiyeh Al Bargouti, a participant in the march, said the assembling of a significant number of people coming from all aspects of life will boost the morale of our families in the occupied territories." She added

matter how small, is what is

important.' The march is an indication ple turned out in a silent march that there are those who share in their hopes and pains... that there are others who want to see an end to the Israeli occupation and to see Palestinians living freely on their

Organisers targetted the public Jordanian Popular Committee for and private schools and focused the Support of the Intifada, was on the participation of the youndescribed by participants as a ger generation to increase nation-symbol of their support for the all awareness and to develop feelings of national belonging among

A nine-year-old marcher, Reem Abdul Hamid, said: "I intifada, and so that the deportees return to their homes... so that I can return to Palestine."

Proceeds of the march will benefit martyr and injured families, said Aisha Odeh, one of the

Ms. Odeh, a Palestinian deportee since 1979, said the Women's Committee expects to raise more than JD 40,000 from this event.

Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Haya, who was unable to attend and delegated Minister of Social Development Amin Awad Mashagbeh to attend on her behalf, the march started at the Professional Association Complex in Shmeisathat "this march is a form of ni and ended at the Royal Auto-

Marchers block the streets of Amman Friday in a silent procession from Shmeisani to the

Eighth Circle in commemoration of Palestinian Land Day and Palestinian Prisoner's Day (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

mobile Club at the Eighth Circle. Thousands of people, mostly sporting white T-shirts embossed with words and a symbol commemorating the nearly five and a half year uprising, blocked some of the main streets in Amman.

Although, the march was supposed to be silent, some of the youth tried to chant slogans, while others carried music boxes bursting with loud music. But both groups were stopped

most part the march was silent. When asked why they decided to hold a silent march, Ms. Basheer said: "Our motto is si-

quent than words." At the Royal Automobile Club, Al Hanouneh dabkeh and singing group waited to entertain the marchers with their political and cultural songs and dances.

lence and silence is more clo-

by the organizers and for the power failure prevented the group from continuing its per-

> Some participants felt that the power failure was a deliberate measure by the intelligence service to calm the rousing emotions of the audience

But, a few of the remaining participants began to sing and dance, uneffected by the power

#### **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Sharif Zeid receives JD 15,000 for Peoples Army

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Thursday received a cheque in the amount of JD 15,000 as a donation from Zarqa Chamber of Commerce to Peoples Army. The cheque was handed to Sharif Zeid by President of Zarqa Chamber of Commerce Ibrahim Taqieddin, who called at the Prime Minister's office, together with members of the chamber's board. Sharif Zeid expressed appreciation and gratitude to Zarqa citizens and the chamber for their initiative and true belonging. The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Ibrahim Izzeddin.

#### Arabiyat highlights Jordan's democracy in India

AMMAN (J.T.) — In his address to the International Parliament Union meeting in New Delhi, Lower House of Parliament Speaker Abdul Latif Arabiyat stressed "the importance of the building of the state of law and institutions; the vitality of constructive dialogue; and hearing various opinions. The speaker said Jordan resumed its "democratic march in confident steps and "rivid vision" which makes it "confident of its future, results and fruits," adding that "it will be a bealthy model of participation and political plurality." Dr. Arabiyat said the adoption of several bills on public freedoms have become an integral part of Jordan's political life and democratic path.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

- Suha Shoman at the National Gallery for Fine Arts.
- Exhibition entitled "Recreation" by Jordanian, French and Iraqi artists, inspired by a sculpture by Iraqi artist Mohammad Hussein Abdullah, at the French Cultural Centre.
- \* Art exhibition by Samia Al Zaru and Adnan Yahya at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery.
- Art exhibition by Syrian Artist Lujalna Al Aseel at Baladna Art
- \* Exhibition of books and educational facilities at the International Expo Centre.
- ★ Exhibition of prints, entitled "Architectural Motifs from the Arab World," by Rima Farah at the gallery, Hotel Jordan
   ★ Arabic play entitled "The Dawn and Sunset of a Girl Called Yasmin" at 7 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

GETAWAY/6-GAMES (WINDOWS)

### Jordanian, Egyptian businessmen pledge promotion of trade, cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) — The Council riers impeding the flow of pro-tion on trade visits by delegations of Jordanian and Egyptian ducts between Jordan and Egypt to a statement Thursday evening.

The statement, issued one day following the end of the council's two-day meeting, said the businessmen will work towards launching joint ventures to help promote the marketing of national products in the neighbouring to form a standing joint commit-Arab countries.

The meeting called on the concerned authorides in Cairo and and decisions, stressed their de-Amman to remove customs bar- termination to exchange informa- City.

Businessmen pledged to exert se- on equitable and reciprocal bases rious efforts to promote and called for the stimulation of Jordanian-Egyptian trade and the work and activities of the two economic cooperation, according countries' trade centres operating in Cairo and Amman.

These trade centres should be able to sell directly to the public and ought to have their quotas increased annually, said the state-

The businessmen, who decided tee to follow up on the implementation of recommendations

and to examine areas where joint ventures can be initiated.

The two sides called on their governments to allow trucks from Egypt and Jordan to move freely in transit operations in each other's territories.

They also called on travel agencies stimulate activities and promote tourist exchanges through special group rate offers for hotel accommodations and air fares.

On the last day of their stay in Amman, the Egyptian businessmen visited Sahab Industrial

### 100 plus companies prepare largest exhibition to honour King

By Sa'eda Kilani AMMAN - More than one hun-

dred companies will participate in the largest exhibition to be held in Jordan next month to celebrate the 40th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's assumption of his constitutional powers...

The exhibition, which will take place on May 2, will display photos reflecting Jordan's history and development before and after the King assumed his constitu-

country that had the courage to say "no" to superpower countries," said retired Brigadier General Suleiman Qudah at a press conference Wednesday, held at the Chamber of Industry.

"We have a certain obligation towards our beloved King," said Mr. Qudah who is the director of the General Corporation for Export Development (GCED), the

company organising the event.
"We have to meet the King's

colonised country headed by done for us." Private and public companies

will participate in the week-long exhibition which will be attended by prominent personalities and

It will focus mainly on the educacional development in Jordan and the progress of the Armed Forces over the last 40

"We want to point out that a successful country is not meaof onal powers.

It will highlight the various love and giving with more love money, but by its stability and security: symbols of the Hashedevelopment "from a weak and as much we can for what he has mite Kingdom," Mr. Qudah said,

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### Creative construction

IT IS estimated that no less than \$4 billion was invested in real estate in the 1990-92 period. While some of the money that went into stones, concrete and iron could be justified for legitimate reasons connected with sudden and unexpected population growth, much of the dinars that were spent on construction may not have been economically sound since it meant the diversion of urgently needed funds from industrial projects that could have generated employment to the increasing numbers of unemployed Jordanians. No wonder many economists have concluded that inspite of the hyper-construction activities in the country, the overall Jordanian economic picture shows that it is still stricken hy a serious recession.

Real estate experts in the Kingdom have identified five major real estate cycles that have hit the country: 1952-1967, 1967-71, 1972-83, 1984-1989 and finally 1990-92. Each period was characterised by its own peculiar conditions and circumstances. Still these off-and-on cycles suggest that there is a pattern in Jordanian psychology when it comes to building houses or apartment buildings. By and large, the return to construction is often motivated by a makebelieve economic psychology that views housing as good investment and a haven against not only inflation but also against insecurity about the future. Jordanians appear to be still locked into a tradition that they cannot seem to be able to break away from, even when pure economic considerations would point to other more viable alternatives. Industrialisation in the Kingdom was hit hard in the aftermath of the Gulf crisis especially when Jordanian exporters of Jordanian finished products saw how fast their export markets in the Middle East could dissipitate into thin air. The shock waves of the Gulf conflict have obviously put a: damper on further investment in industry and the available money or credit was readily transferred to construction.

Against this backdrop, the government should develop a more coherent policy on construction especially in urban areas where the tentacles of building have penetrated deep into fertile agricultural lands. This, the government can do by influencing or even controlling the banking policy in the country which seems to contribute to the problem by extending easy credit for these purposes instead of other more viable economic ventures. Municipalities are also called upon to streamline a more enlightened licensing policy with a view to curtailing the proliferation of unnecessary investment in stones and cement. There are all sorts of avenues available to local and central governments to influence, or even, control, the runaway real estate expenditure. The Middle Eastern political climate can be expected to improve soon especially if peace is indeed around the corner. The industrialisation programme in the country, that sprung up last decade and came suddenly to a damaging halt, should be encouraged for an early resumption. There is no way that Jordan's economic woes, including unemployment and dependence, can be resolved without the diversion of funds to industrialisation. Jordanian industrial products proved to be highly competitive regionally as well as internationally. There is no reason to cast doubt on the ability of Jordanian industrialists to make additional gains in their quests for penetrating new markets in the future. The orientation to industry calls for governmental policy and action and the first line of offense is to put the lid on runaway construction craze.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

AL RA'I Arabic daily dwelt on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovia and said its people live a tragic experiment as a result of the conspiracies of the U.S.-led western world. The tragedy of Bosnia-Herzegovina is not political, military or economic, it is rather a manifestation of the ongoing struggle between the West and the East ethnically, religiously and culturally, the paper said. The Serbian onslaught on the Muslims of Serbia is part of a U.S.-led western conspiracy against the Muslims and a new form of crusade against the East, it continued. Over the ages, the Muslims, whose religion is one of tolerance have fallen victim to the conspiracies of the Romans, the old and the new, and have suffered a great deal as a result of injustice and continued aggression, said the daily. It accused the western world of genocide against the Muslims, starting with the former Yugoslavia, Iraq, Egypt and Algeria before carrying out similar plots against the rest of the Muslim World.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i expressed the view that all the Arab parties to the peace process will go to Washington on schedule and will comply with the desires and the wishes of the U.S.Israeli alliance. 1 areq Masarweh said that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who visited Washington and talkd to president Clinton, passed on Israel's terms to the Americans who, in turn, passed them on to Mr. Muharak and the other Arab parties. The Teeting, between Mr. Mubarak and Mr. Rabin, said the writer, was in line with a tripartite plan to implement Israel's ideas on the future of the Arab territories occupied since 1967. The U.S.-Israeli plan does not entail any pressure by Washington against Mr. Rabin and his overnment for any concessions. inereture, the Arabs bave r. alternative but to accept the U.S. biased role as it is, with no change in the American position as the Arabs bad hoped, said the writer.

# Can Arabs expect impartiality from U.S. policy?

By Pascal B. Karmy

WARREN CHRISTOPHER'S broker. What has the U.S. done statement before the congressional committee a few days ago on the Arab-Israeli conflict in particular and on the Middle East in general was clearly biased towards Israel and prejudicial to the Arabs. This attitude does not really surprise the Arabs. Ever since the creation of Israel, and despite its occupation of Palestiman and Arah states' territories in 1967, its state terrorism against the Palestinian Lebanese peoples and its flouting of numerous United Nations resolutions on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the U.S. has never deflected from defending Israel in all international

Mr. Warren Christopher's statement outlines in effect the policy of the new Democratic administration towards the Arab-Israeli conflict, which does not substantially differ from that of previous American administrations. It is not an impartial policy and the Arabs may be doubtful whether the U.S. can participate as a full, honest partner in the Arab-Israeli negotiations. One may legitimately conclude that the U.S. will participate as a full

to stop Israel from its cruel. callous and inhuman treatment of the Palestinians in their homeland who are rightly resisting Israeli occupation as any other subjugated people would do? This is not violence on both sides. as the U.S. usually describes it thus equating the victim with the

logue with the PLO, the solerepresentative of the Palestinian people, although one hundred and twenty-two (122) states have recognised the PLO thus encompassing the great majority of the world's population. As is wellknown, the PLO had recognised Israel in 1988 in Geneva and Chairman Yasser Arafat has condemned terrorism and declared that the provision in the Palestine Charter regarding the establishment of a Palestinian state over all Palestine of the mandate period was "caduc." that is obsolescent or null and void. What more can be expected from

By its concessions the PLO has' already alienated many parties and groups among the Palestinian partner but rather on Israel's as well as the Arah peoples. It side, away from being an honest cannot and should not make any

more concessions, especially not before Israel's complete withdrawal from the Palestinian territory, the establishment of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination as enshrined in the United Nations Charter and the establishment of the Palestine state. Any more concessions by it will simply efface it and let it fall into oblivion. Why, Mr. Christopher reiterated the therefore, does not the U.S. deal U.S.'s refusal to resume the diadirectly with the PLO instead of dealing with proxies who in effect receive their instructions from the PLO headquarters in Tunis? This is an ostrich-like attitude which the Democratie administration should discard for the sake of solving quickly and justly the Palestine-Israel conflict. International law is on the Palestinian

> In his above-mentioned statement Mr. Christopher has claimed that the Arah states should lift the economic boycott against Israel, especially as regards American companies which have trade or investment interests in Israel. The U.S. administration is surely aware of the fact that the boycott of Israel was decided by the Arah League as a result of the wars and state terrorism which Israel has and continues to wage

side. No state can deny this.

against the Palestinians and the Arab states and the consequent occupation of Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese territories. It is a legitimate boycott under international law, when a state of war exists, and it can be lifted only after Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arah territories and the conclusion of a peace treaty between Israel and the Arah states concerned. Moreover, no single Arab state can lawfully lift the boycott as this was decided by the Arab League council and can be lifted by it only. In this connection, did not the U.S. impose a hlockade on Nicaragua during the Sandinista regime despite the non-existence of a state of war between them? And is not the U.S. still hoycotting Cnha, although no state of war exists between them? In law one cannot approbate and reprobate at the same time in respect of the same

It may be concluded from U.S. policy towards the Arabs m general and the Palestinians in particular, as evinced in Warren Christopher's statement and from President Bill Clinton's declarations before and after his election, that the Arabs should not pm great hopes on the U.S. for a

just peace in their conflict with Israel. Israel is still a strategic ally of the U.S. whereas some of the Arah states are marginal allies. This U.S.-Israel strategic alliance was established during the cold

war to counter the Soviet Union before its collapse. One may wonder now who this strategic alliance is directed against. Maybe it is against the Arah and. or the Muslim states, as the case requires it. The U.S., with its allies Britain and France, is threatening Libya

with stronger sanctions if it does not surrender for trial the two persons suspected of having blown up the Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, in Scotland, and the French airliner over Chad. Libya is not obliged, under international law to surrender its own citizens for trial in a foreign state and there is no extradition treaty between Libya and the three states concerned. The Security Council resolution on this case, decided on April 15, 1992, was wrongly taken and as the result of pressures exercised upon Security Council members. The honourahle memhers have totally ignored Chapter VI of the U.N. Charter which calls for peaceful redress of disputes, and at a time their tables. . .

when Libya, in compliance with international law, had resorted to the International Court of June tice. As Professor Marc Weller wrote in "The European" news paper, some judges were privately enraged by this use of the Security Council: "For in this instance the mechanism designed to comhat actual acts of aggression has been transformed into a machinery for ad hoc law-making to further the interests of individual states and prejudice the decision of the court.

In a nutshell the U.S. policy and sometimes that of Britain and France, put the Arabs way down on the scale of their balance. This is the result of the Arab states' divisions, disarray and rivalry. The victims are of course the Arah peoples. We are living in a new, "feudal" world order dominated by the U.S., in the first place, with Britain and France following. And unless the Arah states wake up, achieve solidarity and form one block in the world arena, they will simply remain "vassals" of the abovementioned "feudal" lord states. The latter will enslave the Arab peoples and monopolise their riches and resources, leaving them the crumbs that fall from

### THE WEEK IN PRINT

## No peace can be achieved without 242, 338

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

THE IMMINENT resumption of the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations in Washington, inter-Arah relations, Iraq, and domestic issues were given prominence in the Jordanian press over the past week.

Sawt Al Shaah daily believed that the Arab parties, including the Palestinians, will go to Washington for the talks, noting that President Bill Clinton had promised to Arabs and the world that 1993 would be

the year of peace. But, said the paper, despite the Arab countries' decision, nothing should change their mind about the need for the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 799 and about the fact that Israel should not be allowed to e the concept of the Dre sent negotiations as being based on anything other than resolutions 242 and 338.

Al Dustour said that the Palestinian side to the peace talks could change its mind about participation in the coming parley in view of the current situation in the occupied Arab territories where Israel is starving two million Arabs.

Israel's imposition of siege and its starving of the Palestinian people can only be bad for the coming Washington parley and therefore Israel's policies against the Palestinians should be stopped before the resumption of talks, the paper urged. It said Israel's collective punishment of the Arah people s in violation of all human rights and all international

Fahed Al Fanek, a columnist in Al Ra'i, said that Israel stands to lose a great deal more than the Palestinians by a siege of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He said that the Israeli economy is badly hit and the factories and construction businesses suffer. But, the writer said. Israel seems to be aiming at something deeper and more sinister: to stifle the spirit of resistance among the Arabs with such harsh mea-

The impossible situation in the occupied territories, added the writer, has now forced thousands to leave for Jordan, something which is seen as part of Israel's so-called transfer policies against the Arah

population.
Taher Al Udwan said in Al Dustour that the collective punishment of the Palestinians is a crime that has to be stopped. While the Arab World is totally silent about this atrocity. Jordan and its people, said the writer, should not remain passive. They should express their support for their kinsmen by word and deed, morally and materially, and should contribute to Palestinian steadfast-

A number of columnists attacked Kuwait and its Foreign Minister Sabah Al Ahmad for his latest hostile statements against Jordan and the call for ending the Arab boycott of Israel. This is not surprising because the Kuwaitis have long ago sold themselves out to the western countries and normalised their relations with the Jewish state, said Salameh Ekour in Sawt Al Shaah daily. The writer said that Israel

has been importing its oil from Kuwait since 1948 been launching aggression on Arab countries with Kuwait's

banks. Another attack on Kuwaitcame from Tareq Masarweh, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily, who said that the Kuwaiti rulers bave now sunk to the lowest level by openly selling themselves out to Israel and its allies against the Arab Nation.

oil and deposits stashed in U.S.

The Kuwaitis are hostile to Jordan, and other Arab states and the PLO because these Arabs have voiced their opposition to settling the Iraqi-Kuwaiti dispute with western guns and aggression, said the, writer. He said that as a result of their conspiracies with the West, the Kuwaiti rulers have caused untold sufferings to the Arah World.

Ahmad Dabbas, a columnist in Sawt Al Sbaab daily, turned his attention to the ongoing efforts to achieve solidarity among Arab countries, citing the latest pan-Arab meetings held in Amman to achieve that

goal.
The resolutions of the Arab lahour conference barely touched on the need to ensure the compensation of the Palestinian and Jordanian workers forced ont from Kuwait, said the writer. The Arah participants should have made it clear that the Jordanians' and the Palestinians' rights ought to be respected and the Arab League and its various branches should deal with this matter and follow up the compensation issue, the writer said.

Tareq Masarweh said in Al Ra'i that the Arah labour conference was a manifestation of the Arab countries' desire to achieve a solidarity that would end the disarray in Arab ranks. But, he said, such a conference, and others like it, should not serve as a cover up for the atrocities committed against the Palestinians and Jordanians in Kuwait, but rather sbould reemphasise their full

Jordan has succeeded in creating the right atmosphere for a successful parley in Amman, be said, but this is not enough. Solidarity should mean ending the difficulties created by the Kuwaitis to the people of Jordan, Palestine, Yemen, Sndan and others evicted without compensation from Kuwait.

Mohammad Subeihi, a columnist in Al Dustour, said that Qatar's recent decision to allow Jordanians to retain their jobs and to open the door for more Jordanians to come was a welcome development.

He said that the Gulf countries bave begun to realise Jordan's sound national stand durme the Guil crisis and are not extending a friendly hand to the Jordanians. But the writer said that in view of the continued threats coming from Iran and in the light of Hosni Mnharak's recent statement that Iran was trying to dominate the Gulf, there is an urgent need for a pan-Arab conference to discuss pan-Arah national security in the face of external threats.

Mr. Mubarak's statement that Iran can be checked only by Iraq, which can create a balance of power in the Gulf, was discussed by Abdul Rahim Omar in Al Ra'i. The writer said that although this is correct, one can only say that Mr. Mubarak, who has now realised the danger of Iran, should bave tried to solve the Iraqi-Kuwaiti dispute by Arah means and not by allowing the destruction of Iraqi military power to serve Israel's purposes and objectives.

Mr. Mnbarak should end the embargo on Iraq and should convince the West to end its hostility towards Iraq before it is too late, he said.

In Al Dustour's view. Mr. Mubarak's statement represented a turning point in Egypt's policies and a positive development. The paper said that though Mr. Mubarak's statement came late, one can only note that it emerged only when the western countries are busy with a hostile campaign against Iran. Yet, it said, we hope that Mr. Mubarak is revising Egypt's policies and is taking steps towards addressing previous blunders.

Salameh Ekour attacked the U.S. and western alliance for their continued hostile attitude towards Iraq. The more we bear statements about full cooperation on the part of Iraq with the U.N. inspectors, the more hostile these western nations become, said the writer. It is astonishing to see such an attitude and to hear about protory hy U.S. and western planes at a time when Iraq is reported to be more committed to implementing U.N. resolutions, said the writer.

Samir Qitami said in Sawt Al Shaab that Iraq is facing continued international conspiracies which create anger and indignation in the hearts of Arabs. Worse still are the statements we hear from Arab leaders now and then expressing support for the Iraqi people but without lifting a finger to alleviate their sufferings, said the writer. Taher Al Udwan said that

the western countries proved their bypocrisy by claiming that the Gulf is heing threatened by Iran which is seeking to become a nuclear power. What about Israel, which possesses more than 200 nuclear warheads and continues to threaten the security of the Arah region, asked Udwan. He said that the western

countries resorted to destroying the Iraqi military power for the sake of retaining their hold on Gulf oil and now they are trying to present Iran as a source of danger to pave the ground for another aggression to ensure constant domination of the Arah

Khalil Al Sawahiri, a colunnist in Al Ra'l, attacked the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for what he said were its intended plans to reduce services to the Palestinian refugees in Jordan. A statement by the agency's

commissioner general last month that the level of services will be reduced due to the recurrent deficit in the agency's budget is very serious indeed and is viewed as a form of pressure on the Palestinians, said the writer. The agency's services are part of a mandate by the United Nations in effect until the Palestinians have been repatriated, he noted.

The writer said that a threats of reducing the level of services along with the agency's other measures, like freezing employees' increments, can only be interpreted as a form of pressure on the Arabs.

Ahmad Dabbas said in Sawt

Al Shaab that if UNRWA reduces its services, Jordan will be hard hit because this leaves heavy tasks to the Jordanian government which is already overburdened with commitments towards the unfortunate

Jordan, said the writer, has been providing basic services to the residents of the camps ever the past 45 years and any reduction of the agency's services would cause imbalances and additional burdens for the local authorities. Saleh Al Qallah, a columnist

in Al Dustour, said that the agency's move to reduce its services is a plot that should be stemmed to the bud. Six thousand five hundred agency employees are already affected by UNRWA's measures, represented in the freezing of their annual increments, and the reduction of educational services is bound to affect 130,000 refugee students, said the writer.

UNRWA's plans are purely political and are meant as a pressure on the Jordanian government which is already overburdened with the task of caring for 400,000 Palestinians returning from Kuwait, said the writer

Mohammad Kawash criticised the government's planned step to impose a value added tax under the pretext of honouring the economic restructuring programme commit-ment made with the World Bank. The additional tax would force people to tighten their belts and do without many items, and goods they were used to having as necessary for their lives, said the

The World Bank, he said, is being used as a tool by the ure on Jordan and other Third World countries to fall in line with Washington's desires and policies or else face difficult times ahead.

Taher Al Udwan tackled the question of exerbitant private school fees in Jordan. Writing in Al Dustour, the columnist said that one after another of these schools are increasing their fees and creating new financial and educational crises in Jordan. The parents are facing a dilemma: to keep their children in these schools and pay the high fees or withdraw them and take them to government schools, overburdening the Ministry of Education, said the writer.

He said that if schools are facing financial crises, the issue should be settled in a democratic manner and the Ministry of Education should have a hand in solving the problem.

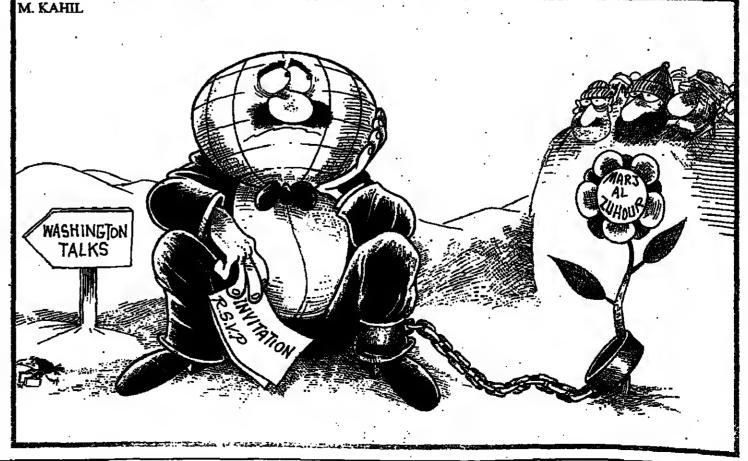
Mona Sbuqair, a columnist

in Al Dustour, said that Jordamans will soon be celebrating the 40th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's assumption of his constitutional powers. It would be an occasion of joy for every citizen and for all organisations in view of the King's relentless efforts over the past four decades to serve his nation and the Jordanian people, said the writer.

Yet, she said, Jordanian citizens and organisations should display a good level of maturity in celebrating the occasion in a manner different from the traditional style, especially in the official information services and the

The writer said that Jordatilans should display their affection and support for their leader not by glorifying the King's person but rather objectively and sensibly and in a manner that conforms to the democratic process the Kingdom is living through.

No celebrations can match those accorded to the King when he returned to Amman following his successful medical treatment in the United States, she said. She added that the affection and supportaccorded to the King by the Jordanian people are unit-mited. But, she said, this should not be expressed by laviely small and the said the lavish spending as King Har-sein would want us rather to spend on alleviating the suffer ings of one third of the popular tion who live in abject poverty.



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### Clinton lauds Jordan's efforts

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Another chance to achieve just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the region may not come again. Jordan has much to gain from this process. We have made clear that the United States would be an honest broker, a catalyst for peace and a driving force to help ensure that negotiations are productive. The secretary of state and I have reiterated the commitment of the United States to play an active role in helping the

process succeed.

"Mr. Ambassador, you face many challenges as you begin your important work here in Washington. His Majesty King Hussein I and the government of Jordan have entrusted you with an important position, and thus show great confidence in your abilities and judgment. We share that confidence, and we look forward to working with you throughout your tenure as Ambassador of Jordan to the United States, to the mutual benefit of both our nations." Following is the text of Mr.

Tarawneh's remarks: Mr. President,

"I have been instructed hy Their Majesties, King Hussein I and Queen Noor, to extend to you - Hooourable President and to the First Lady, Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Their cordial regards and warmest congratulations on the occasion of your inauguration.
"It is indeed an honour and

privilege to present to you, Mr. President, my letter of credentials, accrediting me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipo-tentiary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States of America. My principal duty is to work closely with your administration towards deepening and enhancing our longstanding relationship that stands historically on firm grounds of common values and principles.

"We acknowledge and appreciate your monumental task of leading your great nation. We are equally certain, however, that your enlightened leadership and noble convictions will greatly contribute towards restoring peace, order and human dignity to all the troubled spots of the world. The indispensable role of the United States of America in the Middle East peace process, as a co-sponsor and as a superpow-

er, is an outstanding example. "It is needless to say that His Majesty King Hussein and the government of Jordan have always advocated, as a matter of principle and position, peaceful resolutions to conflicts. For such resolutions to be lasting and durable, however, they must address and tackle the roots of the conflicts in a just and comprehensive manner hased on international legitimacy. The full-fledged parti-cipation of Jordan and its continuous pivotal role, in both the bilateral and the multilateral peace negotiations, are the man-ifestation of our commitment to the noble cause of peace in the Middle East.

"Hope will never desert us because we are believers in God the Almighty, and because we are convinced that fairness, equality and justice to all human races will replace their long torturous agony and suffering. And as we, Mr. President, share your assessment of this world that is warmed by the sunshine of freedom but threatened still hy ancient hatreds and new plagues, we assure you that Jordan will always struggle to keep the lights of freedom shining, to abrogate hatreds, and to abolish new pla-

gues.
"Mr. President, I seek your attention and advice and your government's assistance in my strive to strengthen the bonds of our friendship and the position of our mutual interests.

"Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest con-

Lebanon and Jordan and a Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) official met in Damascus

on Friday to decide whether to

attend the next round of Middle

The 396 exiles, most sym-

pathisers or members of Islamic

groups opposed to the 17-month-old peace process, demand Israel

abide by a U.N. Security Council

resolution calling for their im-

They said they expected the Palestinian delegation to attend a ninth round of peace talks with Israel as it had dropped its de-

mand that all the exiles should

to eat after five hours hut vowed

to march on despite about 20

Israeli soldiers or allied militia-

men waiting at a gate about 150

They smeared their faces with onions in case of tear-gas. Israeli

helicopters monitored the men's

progress, which was also closely

followed by three Israeli tanks

"Be strong. Do not be afraid of death," Mohammad Abn Zeid, a

preacher at Al Aqsa Mosque in

Jerusalem, told them after shells

and two troop carriers.

The men sat down in the road

East peace talks.

mediate return.

metres south.

### Expellees stage 'death march'

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wounded in the chest. It could not be immediately determined whether he was wounded by shrapnel or a small piece of stone chipped off by the shell.

Sheikh Karawi was carried into a blue van, which raced back to the camp clinic. His condition was not immediately known.

Earlier, the exiles held their Friday noon prayers in open air in the hot sun. As they knelt on the ground, gunfire crackled over them and a shell exploded some 50 metres away. No-one was hurt in this shelling.

The exites halted their march after Sheikh Karawi was injured. \_first go home. .... ----

"It is clear that we cannot go any farther," Abdul Aziz Al Ran-tisi told reporters.

"For the time being we will stay where we are. We will study the situation later," he added.

The men sat down in the road facing Israeli tanks, armoured troop carriers and soldiers waiting at a gate about 500 metres north of the Zemraya checkpoint with a water tanker.

The men, who ended their fourth month in exile Friday. wore white headbands bearing the slogan: "Dying for the sake of God is our purest wish." Some were draped in white hurial

shrouds. "From this advanced position...I tell the so-called Palestinian delegation it has to withdraw forever and immediately from the peace process." Dr. Rantisi told

reporters. "I tell the Arab delegations that you should keep your vows and we will hold you responsible for any hreach of them...we wanted the march to awaken the world's conscience which forgot

Foreign ministers from Syria.

Palestinians want talks delayed

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especially those of the Palestinians, can be addressed most effectively at the negotiating

Chief Palestinian peace nego-tiator Haidar Abdul Shafi told the Paris-based Radio l'Orient in Washington the Arab side should not resume the talks on April 20 because Israel had failed to meet their minimum demands.

The plenary session here was preceded by a brief meeting between Syrian Foreign Minister Faronk Al Sharaa, Lebanon's Fares Bouez, Kamel Abu Jaber of Jordan and the PLO's Farouq Kaddonmi. Egyptian Foreign

Minister Amr Musa also attended.

The head of the Palestinian delegation's steering committee. Faisal Husseini, was not in Damascus, as previously re-ported, said Palestinian sources, adding that he ended meetings in Cairo and headed straight for

Mr. Amr Musa, who conveyed a message from President Hosni Mubarak to his Syrian counterpart Hafez Al Assad, voiced hope the meeting here would not turn the expellees issue into "a public-

He said Egypt supported the expellees' right to return and urged "the whole world, including the expelled Palestinians, to preserve the peace process, which is a priority and which should help them achieve their rights to self-determination, land and re-

Mr. Bouez said unity of the Arabs decision was essential and unity within Arab ranks to secure their rights.

Official Damascus Radio said the Arab officials were holding their most dangerous meeting "as they are to take a final decision on their participation at the next round of talks.

Palestinian sources said they were disappointed that Egyptian President Mubarak failed to secure concessions when he met Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Wednesday.

Christians prevented from prayers

(Continued from page 1)

General Yomtov Samia, commander of the Israeli troops in. Gaza, told Israel Radio that 33 wanted men had been caught on the strip since the strip was closed

off on March 29. "The great majority of the Palestinians we have arrested are from Hamas," he said referring to the Islamic Resistance Move-

On the West Bank 10 wanted Palestinians have been arrested

along with 131 others since the territory was sealed off on March

The government has decided to maintain the ban on Palestinians travelling to Israel indefinitely.

That threw out of work the 116,000 Palestinians who used to travel daily to jobs in Israel. Under pressure from Israeli employers the authorities have this week granted 2,000 permits for Palestinian workers.

Srebrenica

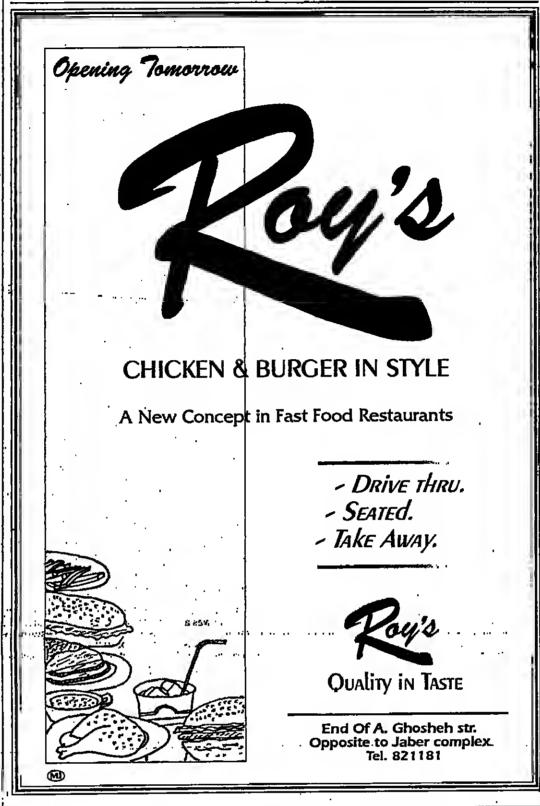
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U.N. Security Council was to discuss the possible fall of Srehrenica after a year under siege, un official source said here.

U.N. diplomats say Srebrenica's fall could lead to tightened sanctions against Belgrade. Mr. Stephanopoulos said

Secretary of State Warren Christopher had told Russia's deputy foreign affairs minister about U.S. concern about the town during a telephone conversation Friday. Russia has traditionally been a Serhian ally.

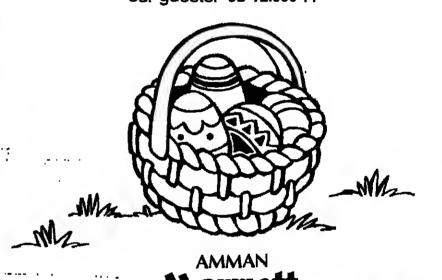
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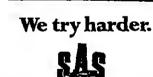
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#### Kurdish rebels extend ceasefire (Continued from page 1) Turkish Deputy Prime Minister

Erdal Inonu said Wednesday the government would end seven years of emergency rule in the mainly Kurdish southeast if the

region remained calm. Asked whether the Turkish government had responded to his calls for dialogue, Mr. Ocalan said: "There are signs hut no step.".

"The Kurdish people are passing through... very difficult stages in every way. Our initiative by ceasing fire is that we wanted

to open a new road for the people," Mr. Ocalan said. "We demand the authorities and people look at our cause with open eyes," he added. "The step towards democracy should take a

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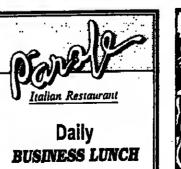
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### Women's Handball Tournament

### Orthodoxi defeat Ahli in 1st round final

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By Roufan Nahhas Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The first round of the women's handhall tournament, organised by the Jordan Handball Federation, ended Thursday when al Orthodoxi de-feated Al Ahli 19-16.

The match, attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Haya was held at Al Ahli's court.

The first goal of the match was scored by Al Ahli's Manal Banat. three minutes after the start of the game. Teammate Suha Shokeh put up a hig effort to score for her team, while Al Orthodoxi mainly depended on Haifa Awwad, Lima Jallad and Rana Lahham.

Rough play had a negative impact on the match, which was marked by a very high number of fouls from both teams.

The first half ended with Al Orthodoxi leading 9-8.
The second half brought more excitement to the game as Al

Orthodoxi's Lahham scored to give her team the lead at 11-8. Al Ahli tightened their defence and managed to draw at 11-11.

Lahham however scored again, and Al Orthodoxi took the lead

Al Othodoxi's goalkeeper Lina Jaser saved a last minute goal for Al Ahli and froze their attempts to catch up to win the match

Al Orthodoxi's Coach. Turki Jameel, criticised the referees and said they were unfair and sent out too many players.

Two teams representing the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University originally took part in the championship, which aims at choosing the women's national handhall team. The University of Jordan later pulled out

of the competition. The second round hegins Saturday when Al Yarmouk play Al Ahli, while Al Orthodoxi play Yarmouk Monday. The tournament ends Wednesday.

### **NBA ROUNDUP**

MILWAUKEE (R) — Danny Ferry scored 18 points and Mike Sanders had 16 to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to their sixth straight win with a 108-93 triumph over the Milwaukee Bucks Thursday. Cleveland held a 26-24 lead with eight minutes left in the second quarter and outscored Milwaukee 18-6 the next four minutes and held a 47-40 lead at halftime.

Derek Strong scored 13 points and Todd Day and Frank Brickowski added 11 points apiece for the Bucks, who have dropped three straight and seven of their last mine games. At Utah, Karl Malone collected 38 points, 11 rebounds and seven

assists and Jeff Malone scored 24 points to lead the Utah Jazz to a 122-117 overtime victory over the Portland Trail Blazers. Utah, winners of two straight, outscored Portland 17-12 in

Cliff Robinson scored 40 points and Terry Porter added 21 for Portland, which had its five-game winning streak snapped.

Karl Malone was 13-of-23 from the floor and John Stockton added 15 points and 12 assists for the Jazz, who evened the season series with the blazers at 2-2.

Porter has scored 89 points in Portland's last four games. At New Jersey, Sherman Douglas hit a running jumper with three-tenths of a second left to lift the Boston Celtics to a 106-105 triumph over New Jersey, handing the Nets' their season-high

Reggie Lewis led the Celtics with 29 points and Douglas finished with 19.

Derrick Coleman, who had 33 points. 15 rebounds and 10 assists, hit a short jumper with 5.5 seconds remaining to give New Jersey a 105-104 lead, before Douglas hit the game-winner.

Rumeal Robinson had 26 points for the Nets, who dropped 2-½ games behind Boston for the fourth spot and home-court advantage in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

In Philadelphia. Jeff: Hornacek netted 26 points as the Philadelphia 76ers downed the Orlando Magic 101-85 to end a three-game losing streak.

Clarence Weatherspoon added 21 points and 10 rebounds as the 76ers won for the third time in their last 13 games. But Philadephia lost Eddie Lee Wilkins for the season when he

tore his left Achilles Tendon in the third quarter. Philadelphia held a 47-39 lead at halftime, hut outscored Washington 14-2 to start the second half and take a 61-41 lead.

Shaquille O'Neal had 21 points, 11 rebounds and blocked four shots for Orlando, who dropped a game behind Detroit and Indiana for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Donald Royal had 16 points for the Magic.



Orlando's Shaquille O"Neal No. 32 goes up for a backboard layup

At Washington, Rex Chapman and Tom Gugliotta scored 22 points apiece as the Washington Bullets snapped a five-game losing streak with a 110-92 victory over the Miami heat. Doug Overton added 16 points for Washington.

Glen Rice scored 23 points and Steve Smith added 20 for Miami which lost its second straight game and dropped 31/2 games behind Indiana and Detroit for the eighth and final playoff spot in the

Zimbabwe

winger wins

high praise

George Best.

LYON (AFP) — Coventry coach Bobby Gould believes his multi-

talented winger Peter Ndlovu can

become as good a player as the

former Manchester United hero

Gould, who watched Ndlovu play for Zimbabwe in their goal-

less draw agaisnt Egypt here-

Thursday, knew he had a bargain

when he bought Ndlovu from Bulawayo Highlanders for a mere

10,000 pounds two years ago.

Thursday's draw pnt Zimbabwe in the final stages of the

Africa Zone World Cup, qual-

### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY APRIL 17, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A problem from the past can hold you back from gaining new ambi-tions so try to settle it as quickly as possible even though you will most likely need to give up something to achieve unity.

ARTES: (March 21 to April 19) You are eager to get everything in perfect condition beneath your own roof so use all possible time to do this and later avoid a difficult responsibility.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) The daytime brings you good fortime in whatever pertains to con-tracts, reports, documents or dis-cussions with businessmen, etc., then avoid a scheming person.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Think about what you can do to handle all money matters so you have more when you need extra funds and later devise a budget to suit this ambition.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Take sometime out to arrange the various condition you like so the future will be more pleasant for you, then get a good rest tonight.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You can get solid and secure advice during the daytime from those in the know so contact and consult with them while tonight don't expect much from a lover.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Consider the various options

you have for gaining an important objective and use the one you feel wisest, then don't take on a problem tonight.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You can accomplish much that is vital to your public image and reputation during the day but tonight don't try to push gaining a

personal desire. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You have many new factors that can help you where advanced knowledge is concerned so be alert to them but tonight steer clear of worldly ambitions.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Listen 10 a good business person who will give you ideas for more wisdom in your ditures, then tonight do not go off on any space.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Join forces with a good merchandising person in a mutual-ly beneficial project while later you find suggestions given that do not work just yet.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February ary 19) A day to look at whatever activities you have not completed and quickly make them work as you wish, then avoid an outsider who disapproves.

PISCES: (Feb. 20 to March 20) Arrange a good time and a roman-tic expression is fine for you during the daytime so schedule your time wisely, then tonight do what builds up your health.

### FIFA demands professional referees in major leagues ZURICH (R) - Soccer leagues across the world have been told tury. "We can't accept, any more, professional football being referenvoys from God. They must become as professional as players

by FIFA they must introduce professional referees following their successful debut in Italy this

The sport's world governing body has told all national football associations with professional leagues to follow Italy's lead and asked them to draw up a transitionary plan.
"FIFA would like all national

associations with professional leagues to follow Italy's lead and have professional referees," spokesman Guido Tognoni said Friday. He added that FIFA would like to see most top leagues employing professional referees by the turn of the cent

reed by amateurs. We have to move with the times and we have to encourage all the national associations," Tognini added, "It will be hard but FIFA has

stopped appealing to national associations, we now want them doing something and working on that project. It's a service to the

General Secretary Sepp Blatter has been campaigning for their introduction since the poor re-

fereeing performances in the last World Crip finals three years ago. "Referees are an important part of football, but they are not

to bring the game into line with society," he said. FIFA's referees committee

gave their full support to Blatter's plans for the first time Thursday. They agreed to ask national associations to draw up plans for training, pay and social security benefits and envisaged referees being supervised by the national

Italy introduced semiprofessional referees this season, with the leading 10 on FIFA's international list receiving up to 2.5 million lire (\$1,600) a match and another 27 in charge of Serie

A and B games getting muchless.

ifying competition, giving Nellovu a broader stage on which to de-monstrate his vast array of ta-"He has the balance and the ability to dribble the ball like George Best in his prime," Gould aid. "Though I'm not saying he is as good as George Best at the

moment, he is still young enough to improve." "He has great meet and a superb ability to ride challenges and knows how to get himself

into good positions. And he's very quick," Gould added. Ndlovu already has around 30 caps as he began his international career at 15. And though Gould is pleased to see him do well for his country, he believes it has affected his league form.



to sleep. I played her a lullaby on my armpit."

## Juventus and Milan clash today

MILAN (Agencies) — AC Milan and Juventus is the big match of the 28th round of the Italian First Division season at San Siro Stadium. But the drama and thrill are elsewhere.

At Florence, Fiorentina and Napoli — two teams accustomed to finishing among the leaders battle to escape relegation.

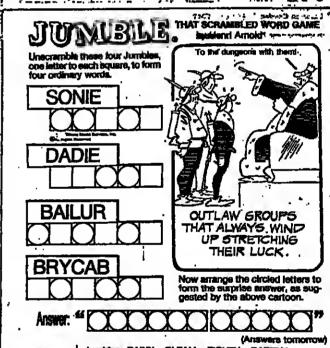
Pre-season favourites for the Italian title, the Florentine and disappointments this year are struggling at the bottom.

Napoli, which won two league titles during the golden era of Diego Maradona in the late 80s, is 11th in the 18-team first division, only three points ahead of 15th-placed Udinese. The last four teams are relegated to the second division.

Fiorentina, which invested mil-

Neapolitan teams have been big lions to sign Brian Laudrup, Stefan Effenherg and Francesco Baiano, is even worse - 13th place, two points behind Napoli and one out of the relegation

> Juventus and Milan will play Saturday, as will Parma and Sampdoria, to give Milan, Parma and Juventus and additional day's rest heading into next: week's European Cup garnes.



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## Leading industrialists mock Yeltsin's optimism on economy

MOSCOW (R) — Leading Russian businessmen openly mocked Mr. Volsky I campaigning for a referendum on April 25, wheo he told them the reforms and especially the monny was showing signs of im- carried out.

dustrialists burst out laughing as Mr. Yeltsin reeled off figures for

"If the rate of inflation was 27 per cent in January and 25 per cent in February, theo io March..." he broke off as laughof the Umed k ter and cat-calls echoed through the opulent white marble Krem-

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"I don't understand," said a bemused Yeltsin, turning to the podium for explanation.

The Russian leader is seeking support in the nationwide vote of confidence in his presidency and hopes to persuade people that the painful economic reforms launched in January 1992 are finally starting to bear fruit.

But he faces resistance from industrialists who insist ioflation is soaring as fast as ever and say the pace of chaoge has pushed many firms to the verge of bank-

Union Chairman Arkady Volsky admonished the delegates, saying although he understood. they doubted the inflation figures they should behave in a more

Mr. Volsky later took the President Boris Yeltsin, who is podium and delivered an hourlong speech, most of it attacking Friday that the crisis-racked eco-speed at which they had been

"Economic blitzkrieg for Rus-Many of the 4,000 delegates at siz is onacceptable," he said to a day-long meeting of the Russian loud applause, drawing a parallel Union of Entrepreneurs and In- with the fast, all-oot attack adopted by German armies at the start of World War II.

> Mr. Volsky, a long-time proponent of a more gradual approach to reforms, urged the government to concentrate on fighting inflation and sort out its tax policy.

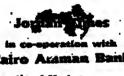
> He insisted the state had a role to play and scorned those who he said panicked at the very mention of state control.

"This kind of behaviour is forgivable in a first-year cookery student but should not be allowed among professionals," he said to

He was especially critical of the government's attempts to convert defence plant to civilian producwhich he said were hamfisted and could harm Russia's ability to defend itself.

But he offered some consolatioo to Mr. Yeltsin by saying the picture was not all gloomy. And he attacked the conservative parhament. Mr. Yeltsin's opponent in the current power struggle, for not passing economic reform laws

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Deutsche Mark	1.5921	1.5995
Swiss Franc	1.4583	1:4640
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Deutsche Mark	8.18	7.87	7.43	6.81
Swiss Franc	5.00	4.87	4.62	4.37
French Franc	8_87	8.81	8.35	7.75
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## Gulf turning into busy world gold trade market

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in the gold trade in the Gulf was between 10 and 15 per cent.

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They say that a current dip in world gold prices and the easing of controls on gold imports in some countries like India and Pakistan were largely behind the boom io the Gulf's gold trade. None of the six Gulf Coopera-

tioo Council (GCC) countries imposes any tax on gold bullion. Saudi Arabia levies a 12 per cent tax on jewellery imports, the United Arab Emirates one per cent, Kuwait four per cent and Bahram 10 per cent.

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rapid evolution in gold trade.

'In the long term demand in the Gulf...is going to grow and there is a very clear evolution in the market," he said.

He said Saudi Arabia is emerging as a competitive world centre for gold trade and manufacturing of jewellery while Dubai, one of the United Arab Emirates, was a major world market for reex-

"I think there is a very interesting development in Saudi Arabia which is the largest consoming market in the Gulf," he pointed

"The interesting part is that the country has imposed 12 per cent custom duty on gold jewellery which means in a market so price sensitive it is nearly impossible

Lebanon

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Turkey

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BEIRUT (R) - Lehanon has

urged Turkey to plan how to

reduce Beirui's huge trade deficit

with Ankara and to invest in

reconstruction after 15 years of

Lehanese Economy and Trade

Minister Hagop Demourijian told

a Turkish delegation that Leba-

non had set its sights on regaining

its pre-war position as a major

trade and financial centre.

"I adamantly believe in ex-

panding the volume of trade be-

tween Lebanon and Turkey but

on a more equitable hasis," said

Mr. Demourijian at the start of

five days of talks with the Turkish

"I therefore call upon the two

sides... to agree on the basic

elements of a plan to manage the

imbalance so Lehanon's trade de-

ficil with Turkey may be reduced

Turkey's exports to Lehanon,

mainly livestock, iron and steel

bars and grain, were worth \$100

million last year, against imports of \$5 million, Turkish, treasury

Turkish State Minister Mehmet

Batalli, who heads the team

which includes about 45 husiness-

men, said Turkey wanted more

trade and its contractors to play a

major role in rebuilding Leba-

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to import gold jewellery and sell it," Mr. Bisang said.

So what has happened in recent years is that around Riyadh and Jeddah new, well organised and modern jewellery factories are being built up and I can see that in the future Saudi Arabia will be an exporter of gold jewel-

lery," he added.
"It is an important consuming market and at the same time it is going to be world competitive in manufacturing gold jewellery," he claborated.

There are an estimated 31 workshops and some 3,000 jewel-

lery shops in Saudi Arahia. Mr. Bisang said Dubai's promincoce was due to its lucrative reexport market to the region and the subcononent.

"Dubai is still growing and the

the world out of recession will

bear only modest fruit this year

but economic growth will gather pace in 1994, the Asian Develop-ment Bank (ADB) said Friday.

The Manila-based bank fore-

cast real gross national product

(GNP), spearheaded by booming

Asia, would grow worldwide by 1.5 per cent in 1993, accelerating

to a more robust 3.5 per cent in

America should improve some-

what, the European economies

will remain weak, particularly in

1993," it warned in its annual

Overall figures hid huge dis-

parities between regions, the bank warned, and it highlighted a

number of potencial threats to the

fragile recovery of industrialised

Large deficis, the failure to

complete world trade talks, in-

sufficient investment and political

and economic uncertainty in east-

em Europe and the former Soviet

The ADB report, written be-

fore the world's seven biggest

economies offered Russia \$43.4

billion in aid this week, warned

that continued deterioration in

the former Soviet Bloc, could

Among the major economies,

Germany remained worst-hit as it

struggled to deal with the cost of

reunification and consequent rise

m indirect taxes, tight monetary

policy and high real interest rates.

German growth this year as the

western part of the country re-

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Union all posed dangers.

have global ramifications.

development outlook.

"While the situation in North

reason it has become famous is the big reexport market," he

Mr. Bisang said Kuwait was showing signs of going back to the trade it had before it was invaded

by Iraq io August 1990. But consumption was still low because the emirate's estimated population of about two million people went down by more than 30 per cent after it was liberated

in 1991. Before the war Kuwait's market consumed 30 tonnes of gold which Mr. Bisang said was a high figure considering the emirate's popula- gold.

Traders say that Oman, Qatar and Bahrain still have a long way

region's trade. have Mr. Bisang said Saudi Arahia year

was producing less than 10 tonnes of gold a year from its gold mines,

consumed locally. "Many people are saying that

Saudis has hig potential but we don't know yet," he added. Mr. Bisang expected the gold trade to boom even more in

Dubai with more countries easing off restrictions on gold imports. Traders say Indian expatriates were still exporting gold from Duhat and other countries through unofficial channels although the government in

March allowed them to bring in The WGC has opened an office in Saudi Arabia to monitor the booming gold trade there and to go before they can figure in the traders estimate the market to have been worth \$1.4 hillion last

ADB forecasts modest '93 world economic growth

> nomy should pick up to 2.7 per ADB forecast 2.1 per cent growth cent growth in 1994. in GNP in 1993, up from 1.5 per "In the United States, the recent in 1992, and 2.5 per cent cent in 1994 covery is beginning to gather Although the British and Austrength, led by private domestic stralian economies would iminvestment, consumer durable prove in 1993, growth in the goods spending and an increase in

> housing starts," it said.
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> per cent in 1993, up from 2.1 in
> 1992 and a negative 1.2 in 1991, developed market economies was likely to remain below two per cent in 1993, rising to 2.7 next The stars of the world economy the 52-member bank forecast a flattening of the growth curve at remained in Asia, with China the hrightest. China's economic Excess industrial capacity and a

boom drove growth rates to 12.8 per cent in 1992, up from 7.5 the year before.

would shorten only slowly. Recovery in Japan, languishing in its worst slowdown since the WORLD 1973 oil shock, hinged on a revival of consumption, housing demand and the effectiveness of ORDER ! government stimulus. "Business investment is ex-

pected to remain weak during 1993 in light of poor corporate profits and as halance sheet adjustments continue in the wake of lower equity and real estate prices," it said.

3.3 per cent in 1994,

slack labour market would hold

inflation in check this year, but

the bank cautioned that price rises could accelerate towards the

end of 1994, while johless queues

An overhang of consumer debt, which expanded rapidly during the 1980s, was likely to NEW

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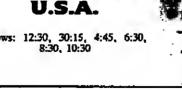
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Oxford debates - If

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LONDON (R) - Russia's Miss

World is to belp Oxford Universi-

ty's scholars resolve an ancient

problem — should a woman who

bas got it, flaunt it? Julia Kuroch-

kina will join former supermodel Jerry Hall to debate beauty and

brains at the ancient university in

June. "The motion will be about

exploitation of your assets -

brains, brawn and beauty,"

Katherine Wade, president of the

university's Union Student Body,

told Today newspaper Friday, the

Kurochkina, 18, woo ber title last

debate is on June 17. Ms.

December when Ms. Hall, mar-

ried to rock singer Mick Jagger, was one of the judges. The first

Russian to become Miss World,

Ms. Kurochkina is a student at

the Moscow Ecocomics Institute.

Ms. Hall will put the case for

making the most of beauty, sup-

ported by Miss World. Feminist

'Dracula' terrorises

Indonesian village

JAKARTA (R) - At least 50

families in a West Java village are

living in fear of a Dracula-like

visitation after finding blood-stained marks on their doors,

Indonesia's daily Jayakarta news-

paper reported Friday. No fange have yet sunk into anyone's occiding the village of Cimooe and

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## Bosnia Muslim defenders offer **Srebrenic surrender to Serbs**

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Bosnian Serbs appeared poised to take Srebrenica Friday after a year-long siege as exhausted Muslim defenders began negouaong the enclave's surrender.

In Geneva, the United Nations said it was preparing to evacuate up to 30,000 refugees from Sreb-renica, in eastern Bosnia, if it fell to Serb forces.

"The situation is very, very messy. It is very bad for us now." a Bosnian army source told Reuters. "It is a question of hours when Srebrenica will fall."

He said negotiations were under way and centred on Srebrenica's surrender.

Sylvana Foa, spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said in Geneva the UNHCR had 50 trucks ready to pick up refugees around Srebrenica if Serb forces captured it.

"The very buildings they are sheltering in are coming under attack now," said Tony Land, who beads UNHCR operations in Sarajevo. "It's horrific to contemplate that civilians may be caught in the middle of a hattlefield. It's a rapidly changing situacion changing from hour to

He said the UNHCR's special envoy to former Yugoslavia, Jose Maria Mendiluce, was in tough with the Bosnian and Serb commands to arrange conditions for a mass evacuation.

On Thursday night, Serbs encircling Srebrenica launched an multiple-rocket launchers and mortars. Radio operators said it had pushed the Muslim defenders to within two kilometres of the town in intense fighting that claimed heavy casualdes.

Elsewhere in Bosnia, fierce battles broke out between nominally allied Croats and Muslims in the centre of the republic, and the Bosnian Serb army said at least two brigades of Muslim troops attacked Serb positions in eastern

The Muslim-led Bosnian gov-ernment bas warned that a Bosnian peace plan, drawn up by international mediators Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, would collapse if the Serbs captured Srebrenica.

Despite international pressure. the Bosnian Serbs have oot signed the U.N.-borkered plan. which has been endorsed by their Muslim and Croat adversaries, to end a year of civil war.

Although U.N. peacekeepers said Srebrenica itself had not been shelled since Thursday night, they said its situation was clearly worsening.

"The Serbs are advancing towards the town. The town situaoon is definitely deteriorating quite a hit," Captain Bill Karaktin, U.N. Protection Force (UNP-ROFOR) deputy spokesman in Sarajevo, told Reuters.

"We are trying to ensure there will be no atrocities," be said.

the early morning contacting the Serb leadership and the army, command in Pale to "impress upon them the gravity of the situation and to say 'for God's sake cootrol your commanders oo

the ground. Gen. Morillon also tried contacting Bosnian Serb army commander General Ratko Mladie during the night to get him to restrain his forces, initiate a ceasefire and allow th ewounded to be evacuated, he said. "That's priority for Morillon."

The Serbs bave been putting pressure on the enclave, whose desperate plight was bighlighted by Gen. Morillon's decision last month to set up his headquarters there to break the siege.

But neither this nor stern warnings by the United States worked as the Serbs stepped up artillery barrages that killed more than 60 people in Srebrenica this week, stirring international condemnaoon and reviving calls for foreign military intervention.

The assault prompted fears of a major humanitarian disaster and a balt to peace negotiations as the U.S. State Department released a report recommending the creation of havens for endangering communities in Bosnia such as Srebrenica.

Hours before what appears to have been the final assault, a U.N. aid convoy left Srebrenica with only five elderly women on board after local leaders blocked He said General Philippe board after local leaders blo Morillon, the commander of UN- a mass refugee evacuation.

WEst to start selective bombing of roads and bridges in Bosnia to stop supplies reaching rebel Serb

Lord Owen said ni television interview: "If the Serbian government in Belgrade will not cut offthose supplies, then we should interdict from the air and cut them off ourselves."

Asked whether he was calling for bombing, Lord Owen replied: Yes, selective bombing to stop supplies coming through which are fuelling this war. Lord Owen said the Serbs bad

to be brought face to face with reality and forced to sign a peace plan that he drew up with fellow peace envoy Cyrus Vance. "I think the world community will now have to consider taking direct action to impose sanctions

and that is by far the most effec-tive measure," Lord Owen said. "The problem is whether or not we can get the Russians to accept this action," said Lord Owen. "It would require a general U.N. resolution to use necessary measures to cut off supplies

that are fuelling the war."

The United Nations expected to hold an emergency session Friday if Srebrenica fell, Council President Jamsheed Marker said.

Mr. Marker, the ambassador of Pakistan, also admitted the Council was delaying a vote on tougher sanctions against Serbia until April 26 — A Russian demand - but said it would hold an open debate on the Bosnia crisis oext week.

Armenia:

Turkey is

sending

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RAMPAGE IN JAKARTA: Two Indonesian officials check the debris of a burnt car outside a stadium south of Jakarta where U.S. heavy metal band Metallica gave concert. Hundreds of fans

who could not enter the stadium went on a rampage burning several cars and foodstalls, and threw stones at security personnel (AFP photo)

### Mandela gets death threats — ANC

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Death threats have been made against Nelson Mandela since the assassination of South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani, the African National Con-

gress (ANC) said Friday.

"Mr. Mandela has been receiving death threats, but I cannot go into details for security reasons," ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus told Renters.

Asked if other ANC leaders had been threatened since Mr. Hani's murder Saturday, Mr. Nichaus said: "A wise range of people have been receiving death threats since Saturday. We are taking them seriously.

A pro-government oewspaper reported earlier this week that Mr. Mandela and his entourage were followed bome by a "suspicious-looking vehicle" last

Sunday.
The Citizeo newspaper said the car, with a Namibian registration plate, was spotted again near Mr. Mandela's bome Monday but by the time police arrived it had disappeared.

Mr. Niehaus said the ANC's policy-making National Executive Committee had rejected a Pallo Jordan urged employers to

F.W. De Klerk and Mandela. who is the ANC's president, to meet urgeotly to discuss the wave of violence sparked by Hani's murder. At least 26 people bave been killed in the unrest.

The ANC bas condemned the riotiog and violence which erupted throughout South Africa during Wednesday's memorial marches for Mr. Hani, who was idolised by millions of blacks.

The man accused of killing him, right-wing Polish immigrant Janusz Walus, has been reman-ded in custody. Mr. Hani's name and that of Mandela were among mine on an apparent hit-list found by police in Mr. Walus' house.

Amoog others named were Communist Party Chairman Joe Slovo, Foreign Minister Pik Botha, Judge Richard Goldstone and Ken Owen, the outspoken editor of South Africa's Sunday Times newspaper.

Mr. Hani will be buried Monday which the ANC has declared a oatiocal day of mourning. It has not, however, called for a mass

ANC Informatioo Director

attend the funeral and asked businesses to close as a mark of

The government said emergency measures would be declared in at least 19 areas around Johannesburg's industrial heartland to curb the wave of unrest since Mr.

Hani's slaying.

Police will be given powers to arrest people without a warrant, detain without trial and impose curfews, police spokesman Chris Maritz said.

The ANC has dismissed the measures as a "dispaly of insensi-

Two marches were planned for Saturday in Johannesburg and the capital Pretoria and the two cities were expected to come to a standstill.

The ANC has promised to beef up its marshalling at the marches to prevent a repeat of Wednes-day's violence which it blamed on 'criminal elements,'

The government Thursday challenged the ANC to halt the violeoce and said all parties should work rapidly towards setting a date for South Africa's first

### Yeltsin travels to Minsk for CIS summit

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin Faday travelled to the Belarus capital of Minsk for a one-day summit of the Commonwealth of Indepencent States called to discuss the fate of the shaky alliance.

Mr. Yeltsin was also expected to gather support from leaders of former Soviet republics ahead of the April 25 refereedum on his presidency and on his reform The summit was called last

month by Mr. Yeltsio and Kazakhstan President Nursultan

**WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF** 

ROME (AFP) — Some 47 million Italian voters will head to the

polls Sunday and Monday to decide the fate of eight political reform referendums which, if adopted, are likely to transform the

country's political landscape. The referendum vote will close

Monday at 1200 GMT and is open to any citizen more than 18

years old. It is being held amid an explosive corruption scandal

that has implicated numerous top politicians and businessmen.

Recent opinion polls indicate that voters, reflecting a profound

popular desire for change, will likely aprove all eight questions

that include the introduction of a majority voting system for the upper bouse of parliament and the abolition of public funding of

political parties. The current referendums represent the first time

Italians have to decide on eight questions at once. If approved, the referendums will then be adopted into law.

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistan's chief of army staff cancelled a

visit next week to the United States amid a mounting political

crisis that could topple the government of reformist Prime

Minister Nawaz Sharif, officials said Friday. "The visit will take

place at a more congenial time," an army spokesman said by

telephone. General Abdul Waheed, appointed to the powerful

post of chief of army staff after the death of his predecessor in

January, bad been due to pay a 10-day visit to the United States

starting Monday. Gen. Waheed earlier this week postponed a

scheduled visit to France that had been due to begin last

Thursday. Gen. Waheed's last-minute cancellations were promp-

ted by the poliocal crisis at home, diplomats said. His trip was scheduled at a crucial time in U.S.-Pakistan ties after Washington

in January added Pakistan to a watch list of couotries allegedly

LAGOS (R) - Most of Nigeria's defence headquarters io ceotral

Lagos was a charred wreck Friday after fire fanned by wind swept

through the 25-storey huilding. Army spokesman Colonel Fred Chijuka said nobody was injured in the fire and two people

trapped on an upper floor had been rescued. "Nobody was

injured, not one. Two were trapped on the 18th floor but we got

them out," he said. Fire-fighters struggled to extinguish remnants of the blaze 14 hours after it started. "This is a national disaster,"

a distraught army officer told reporters outside the building cordoned off by armed soldiers as acrid smoke billowed over

Nigeria's biggest city. By morning, most of the crackling flames that had engulfed the top 20 floors had gone, leaving much of the building's green and white facade blackened and charred.

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Indian army troops attacked by Muslim

militants retaliated with gunfire in two Kashmir towns, killing at

least six civilians, as an upsurge of violence left 13 others dead

eisewhere in the troubled valley. Three civilians were killed and

nine injured late Thursday io shooting by troops targeted by

grenade attacks by militants in Badgam, central Kashmir, the Press Frust of India (PTI) reported Friday. Three civilians and a

militant were killed and two injured in a similar incident in Sopore, north Kashmir, the agency said. The 13 other victims of

violence Thursday evening and Friday included nine suspected

Muslim militants killed in two gun battles with paramilitary forces, it said. The remaioing four were civilians killed by

LONDON (AP) — Amnesty International said Friday that torture is systematic in China and far more widespread than 10

years ago despite claims by the government that it has taken

effective measures to stop it. "The information received by

Amnesty International io recent years suggests that torture has

become endemic in many places of detention," it said in a report.

'Torture Is widespread in China'

New Kashmir violence claims 19 lives

Fire ravages Nigeria's defence HQ

Pakistan army chief cancels U.S. visit

Italians to vote in reform referendums

Nazarbayev who maintained that closer CIS ties would belp all former Soviet republics overcome

the economic crisis. Seven former Soviet republics have signed the CIS charter at the last summit meeting in Minsk on Jan. 22: Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan

and Armenia. The news agency quoted Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev as saying that those leaders opposed to the CIS should leave, a direct reference to Ukraine which views the club as

an instrument used by Russia to

promote its own interests.

Moldovan President Mircea Snegur meanwhile said that be hoped the meeting would determine the framework for future CIS cooperation once and for all.

"We cannot overcome the situation all by ourselves," Mr. Snegur, quoted by ITAR-TASS Armenian President Levon

Ter-Petrosyan added that the summit should help the CIS become an efficient forum, "a goal it has not yet achieved."

Soviet

coup trial

suspended

indefinitely

MOSCOW (AP) - The trial of

the alleged masterminds of the August 1991 coup was suspended

indefinitely Friday because one of

The presiding judge, Maj.-Gen. Anatoly Ukolov, said the

court would decide when to re-

sume the trial after it received a

medical report oo Alexander

Tizyakov, 67, who was rushed

from the courtroom with heart

trouble shortly after the trial be-

gan Wednesday.

Mr. Tizyakov is in a military bospital in Moscow, bis co-

defendants have argued that the trial cannot proceed without him.

The medical report will deter-

mine whether he is truly too ill to

A doctor who was in the cour-

troom gave an unofficial opinion

that Mr. Tizyakov could be ill for

headed an association of state

factories in what was then the Soviet Union and was a member

of the self-proclaimed "State

Committee For the State of Emergency" that seized power

from Mikhail Gorbachev on Aug.

some of the most powerful men

of the old regime: Former KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov, De-

fence Minister Dmitry Yazov,

Soviet parliament leader Anatoly

Lukyanov, and Vice President

Mikhail Gorbachev under bouse

arrest and declaring emergency

rule in an attempt to preserve the

Soviet Union under bardline

failed coup accelerated the coun-

If the defendants are found

guilty, they could face the death

penalty. If they are acquitted, the

small but vociferous minority of

loyal Communists left in Russia

Friday, Mr. Yanayev called the

proceedings a "political trial" against President Boris Yeltsin's

opponents. "History will vindi-

A crowd of about 30 die-hard

Communists, mainly elderly peo-

ple, cheered the defendants oot-

side the heavily-guarded court-house in central Moscow. Some

of the protesters sang revolution-

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### to Azeris YEREVAN (AFP) — Turkey is shipping arms and troops to Azerbaijan for use in its war against Armenian forces, a spokesman for the Armenian De-

fence Ministry said bere Friday. The spokesman, Armen Dulian, said 30 military vehicles carrying arms and soldiers had begun crossing the border each from Turkey into the Azerbaijani enclave of Nakhichevan. From there they were being

transported to the western Azerbaijani city of Gyandzha to join Azerbaijani units fighting in and around the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, Mr. Dulian "Armenia cannot remain in-

different to violations of its airspace for the transport of arms and troops which are then used against Armenia," be stated.

Mr. Dulian said Armenia re-

served the right to take "appropriate measures" to stop the flow of military aid from Turkey to Azerbaijan.

On Thursday, the Turkish Foreign Ministry indicated for the first time that Turkey was supplying military aid to Azerbaijan, but Turkish President Turgut Ozal, who just made a three-day visit to Baku, downplayed the

### Khmer Rouge leader flays U.N. force have not completely pulled out of against the Phnom Penh "pup-

BANGKOK (AFP) - The leader of the radical Khmer Rouge launched a scathing attack Friday on the United Nations peacekeeping force in Cambodia, saying that his delegation had withdrawn from Phnom Penh because U.N.-organised elections

next month in Cambodia would be "unfair". Kbien Samphau's tirade against the U.N. Transitional Anthority in Cambodia (UNTAC) was broadcast over the Marxist guerrilla faction's radio moni-

tored bere. "UNTAC's election is aimed at completely destroying the Party of Democratic Kampnebea," Khicu Sampban said, referring to the Marxist guerrilla faction's formal name.

"This is because it will be held under cirenmstances where thousands and thousands of differeot categories of Vietnamese are present throughout Kampuchea (Cambodia)," he said.

The Khmer Rouge, the strongest guerrilla force to fight Phnom Penh's Vietnam-installed government, bas constantly insisted that Vietnamese troops Cambodia io late 1989 as announced by Hanoi.

The hardline guerrilla faction has also been accused of slaying at least four U.N. peacekeepers and scores of ethnic Victnamese civilians in recent weeks in Cambodia. Khieu Samphan and his delega-

tion pulled out abruptly Tuesday from the Cambodian capital where be and Khmer Rouge Military Commander Son Sen had been taking part as their group's representatives in meetings of Cambodia's recoociliation body, the Supreme National Council (SNC).

The move has prompted fears that the Khmer Rouge, which had already announced that it would boycott the May 23-27 polling, was planning to disrupt the

In his radio speech, Mr. Khieu Samphan failed to disclose his group's immediate plans. He, bowever, repeated an earlier statement that its pullout from Philom Penh was "temporary."

Khieu Samphan also reiterated usual Khmer Ronge ebarges here Friday.

pet" leadership, saying it was a "Hanoi satellite regime" formed with "traitors to the country."

He pointed oot to recent "threatening" statements by UNTAC chief Yasushi Akashi warning the Khmer Rouge that they were on the brink of becoming outlaws and by Phnom Penh Premier Hun Sen urging UNTAC to arrest him for genocide crimes. Thai officials have said that

Tuesday's withdrawal from Phoom Penh of the Khmer Rouge delegation bad been prompted by arrest warraots issued by the Phnom Penh goverument against them.

This was an apparent reference to a statement the day before by a Phnom Penh spokesman that government lawyers were preparing an arrest warrant for Khien Samphan in line with Mr. Hun Sen's call.

Meanwhile, Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas is seeking a meeting with U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali to discuss the troubled peace process in Cambodia, the Kompas daily said

#### condemned to paint for road safety

AVIGNON, France (AFP) — A French judge has wiped the slate clean for an artist sentenced on a drunk driving charge after the painter presented the court with a canvas representing road safety, legal soorces said. Francois Welcomme, 48, had been slapped with a stiff fine and a suspended prison sentence and had bis driver's license revoked two months ago after his arrest on New Year's Day for driving with 1.56 grammes of alcohol in his blood. The jndge said, however, that he would scrap the sentence if Welcomme presented the local hearing quarters of the Road Safety Department with a painting. "I recalled that some artists seco inspiration in alcohol," the judge explained, "and I decided to give the painter a chance."

#### Top German chef ordered to shut restaurant

MUNICH (R) - One of Germany's top chefs received a twoyear suspended jail sentence and was ordered to close his celebrated restaurant after being found guilty of buying cocaine, regional officials said. Despite Munich's culinary scene railving to his support, Eckart Witzig-mann lost the licence for his Aubergine Restaurant - one of only three in Germany to be awarded three Michelin Stars for outstanding cuisine. Around 90 Mnnich chefs ran a half-page advertisement in a local newspap er to support Mr. Witzigmann. when be went on trial last month.

#### Belgian city battles rat invasion

BRUSSELS (R) - The Belgian

city of Charleroi is battling a plague of rats which invaded the streets after being flushed from the sewers by major building works. The city's environment chief Lucien Cariat said the rodents emerged near Charleroi's main railway station after old concrete walls were knocked down during work to build a bridge across the River Sambre. He said bundreds of rats were infesting the streets each evening, attracted by food thrown for pigeons. Charleroi had a similar rat? problem 15 years ago, he added.

#### Actress who played 🤌 Diana bans nude pictures

LONDON (R) — The actress who played Princess Diana in a movie about ber marriage to the heir to Britain's throne, Prince-Charles, said she had banned oude publicity pictures of herself to avoid royal embarrassment Serena Scott Thomas blocked the poblication of stills from a television film in which she appears at a prostitute wearing nothing but a hat. She made the movie before winning the star role in the film of the book Diana; Her True Story.

### Yeltsin moves against Rutskoi; vows vote change

MOSCOW (AP) — Anxious about his grip on power, Boris Yeltsin said he would change the rules of Russia's leadership referendum in his favour and strip his rebellious vice president of some influence and privileges.

The Russians Congress, trying to reduce Yeltsin's chance of winning an April 25 vote of confidence in his power and policies, has ordered that a majority of the 106 million registered voters is necessary to win. That would be difficult for Mr.

Yeltsin. When be was elected Gennady Yanayev. They are accused of placing president in June 1991, he won with more than 60 per cent of the votes cast — but that was only about 43 per cent of chigible

Mr. Yeltsin said Thursday that he would issue a decree after April 20 easing the oumber of votes needed to win. He did not but Mr. Yeltsin indicated he would ignore its ruling.

The president also said be would take away control over. agricultural from Vice President. Alexander Rutskoi, his one-time ally. A Rutskoi aide said the vice president also would lose his special car, personal doctor and

some of his bodyguards.

The moves by Mr. Yeltsin could be an attempt to drive Mr. Rutskoi from office, Mr. Rutskoi did not respond directly to Mr. Yeltsin's statement, but last month he said he would not beforced to resign.

In a oewspaper article, Mr. Rutskoi blamed "demagogie farm produce is lost during bar-

politicians" for the abysmal state of farming in Rusia. If defeated in the nationwide ballot, Mr. Yeltsin could be severely

weakened and even forced from office, leaving Mr. Rutskoi in charge.

Mr. Rutskoi, a former pro-

reform Communist who defended the presidential beadquarters during the attempted hardline coup in 1991, has become an opponent of Mr. Yeltsin and bas repeatedly tried to undercut bis political and economic reforms. Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Rutskoi's terms expire in 1996, but earlier elections are possible if voters support that idea in the referendum. Mr. Rutskoi cannot be fired

by Mr. Yeltsin. At a meeting with representatives of democratic groups, Mr. Yeltsin said be would take the agriculture portfolio away from Mr. Rutskoi before the end of the week, the Interfax News Agency

Writing in the opposition newspaper Pravda, Mr. Rutskoi avoided criticising Mr. Yeltsin directly. Instead, be blamed the pricing, credit, tax and investment policies of the government for putting farming "in the humi-liating position of being bank-

The article was a veritable report card - filled with F's - on Russia's agricultural system. Mr. Rutskoi, who claimed his

own reform ideas were ignored, said 40 per cent to 60 per cent of

vesting, drying and storage — twice as much food than is imported. Modern farm equipment is in short supply, state construc-tion 130 food factories was halted last year and output of meat, cheese and cereals declined more than 20 per cent, he said. Mr. Yeltsin gave Mr. Rutskoi

the tough job of managing Russian agriculture in February 1992, perhaps to discredit him. Kremlin leaders bave a tradition of naming rivals to that job. The moves against Mr. Rutskoi came while Mr. Yeltsin campaigned intensively for support in

his power struggle with hardline Mr. Yeltsin elevated a moderate ally, Oleg Lobov, to first depoty prime minister. And he signed a decree increasing gov-

ernment aid to people suffering from the effects of the explosion

at the Chernobyl onclear power plant in 1986. The president got a boost from the seven wealthiest industrial nations, which approved a new \$28.4 billion aid package to help Russia's economic reforms. The group of seven made clear they

were acting in bopes of improving Mr. Yeltsin's standing in Russia. Mr. Yeltsin, declaring himself "a nationalist of Russia", has taken a hardline approach on the deployment of Russian troops stationed in other former Soviet

Troops in the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania Russian army personnel.

would oot be withdrawn "until the rights of Russian-speaking communities are guaranteed", while Russian Armed Forces in the western Georgian Aoton-omous Republic of Abkhazia will not be withdrawn until Georgia withdraws its own troops", be told a public meeting here Thursday.

"I am a nationalist of Russia. I am for strong power and integration into the world community," the Interfax News Agency

reported him as saying.

Moscow has agreed to withdraw its troops from Lithuania by the end of August 1993, but Latvia and Estonia bave yet to receive any firm undertaking on the removal of the last remaining troops of the former Red Army from their territory.

Georgia has accused the Russia army of aiding Abkhazian separatists in its Westero region bordering the Black Sea, a charge Moscow bas behind.

"For every sbell fired at our troops we will reply with two shells," Mr. Yeltsin said. Similar threats of reprisals have

been made by Russian Defence Minister Pavel Grachev.

Relations between Moscow and Tbilisi have plummeted over the conflict in Abkhazia, whose capital Sukhumi has come under aerial bombardment, with dozens of casualties. Tbilisi has charged that the planes are piloted by

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